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## Trade surplus dips 46% on weak oil

KUWAIT, July 28, (AP): Kuwait's trade surplus fell by 46 per cent in 1988, mainly because of a drop in the value of oil exports, the Central Bank of Kuwait said in its annual report released yesterday.

But a 72.8 per cent rise in income from oil earnings invested abroad compensated for the decline, according to the report.

The bank said the 1988 surplus fell to KD532 million (\$1.9 billion) from KD988 million (\$3.5 billion) in 1987.

Kuwait's imports for 1988 were put at KD1,442 million (\$5 billion) and its exports at

KD1,974 million (\$6.9 billion).

The report attributed the sharp decline in the value of oil exports to "the fluctuations in the world demand for oil and prices."

It estimated that oil revenues fell by 16.4 per cent or KD341 million (\$1.2 billion) in 1988 to KD1,732 million (\$6 billion).

Japan ranked as Kuwait's leading trade partner, buying 16.8 per cent of Kuwait's exports, mostly crude oil and oil products and accounting for more than 18 per cent of its imports.

Italy, Holland and Singapore ranked next in order of importance.

The United States ranked sixth, buying 5.3 per cent of Kuwait's exports. But it ranked second as an exporter, selling Kuwait 10.7 per cent of its needs, the bank said.

West Germany, Britain and Italy came next as exporters to Kuwait.

The bank reported a substantial 72.8 per cent rise in the capital account of the country's balance of payments to reach KD1,151 million (\$4 billion). This contrasted sharply with a capital surplus of just KD666 million (\$2.3 billion) realised in 1987.

The bank attributed the increase "to a substantial rise in government and private sector revenues from foreign investments, particularly due to the rise in the value of invested assets and the improvement in interest rates at the world market."

The government has an estimated \$85 billion of surplus oil revenues which is mainly invested in the United States, Britain, West Germany, France and other Western countries.

The report put the country's current account surplus at KD1,315 million (\$4.6 billion), a KD12-million (\$42 million) increase over the figures of 1987.

## Kuwait sells off Santa Fe affiliate

KUWAIT, July 28, (AP): The state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp. has sold one of its subsidiaries, the C.F. Braun Engineering Co., to an American firm for \$100 million, a senior KPC official announced yesterday.

Abdul-Lateef Al Tourah, executive assistant managing director for corporate planning at KPC, told the Associated Press the initial agreement was reached recently to sell the subsidiary to the US Halliburton Co. and that "final agreement will be signed within a few weeks."

He said the reason for the sale was purely commercial. "We consider it a good opportunity for the KPC," Tourah said.

### Reputation

C.F. Braun is an affiliate of Santa Fe international, which is entirely owned by the KPC.

The Santa Fe group was purchased by Kuwait in 1981 for \$2.5 billion.

C.F. Braun has an international reputation as an engineering company. The firm modernised Kuwait's refineries as well as the KPC-owned Europort refinery in the Netherlands.

The Dutch refinery, along with one in Denmark, were bought by KPC as part of Kuwait's policy of expanding its marketing operations internationally.

The two refineries have a combined capacity of 125,000 barrels a day.

KPC also owns 2,000 gas stations in northern Europe. In recent years it has spread its operations to Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

## Something is bugging Khashoggi

NEW YORK, July 28, (AP): Adnan Khashoggi, released on \$10 million bail, joins those jail inmates who get to go home as long as they wear an electronic bracelet that keeps tabs on their whereabouts.

"It's not the be-all, end-all panacea, but it's the hottest thing in the business," Michael Mahoney, executive director of the Chicago-based John Howard Association, a prison watchdog group, said yesterday.

Khashoggi, who is being tried in US district court in Manhattan, is out on bail on charges of mail fraud and obstruction of justice for allegedly helping Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos conceal millions that the government claims was stolen from the Philippines treasury.

After his release yesterday, he was driven to an apartment he owns in the luxury Olympic Towers on Fifth Avenue.

The wristlet, the brand of bracelet Khashoggi wears, is the size of a Rolex. He is wearing the black band around his right ankle, according to the US Marshall's office.

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## Shevardnadze denies Bloch Soviet spy

PARIS, July 28, (Reuters): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze today denied that US diplomat Felix Bloch, suspected of spying for Moscow, had any links with the Soviet Union.

"He never had any relations with us, no relations which could arouse any suspicions whatsoever," Shevardnadze told reporters on arrival at Orly airport outside Paris.

"They say he was a good diplomat," Shevardnadze said.

"We are truly astonished to see all this fuss... without there being any proof. You could pin any-

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# Israelis kidnap Hezbollah cleric

## UK deplores Rambo raid; Bush critical

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 28, (Agencies): An Israeli commando unit carried out a raid in south Lebanon today and kidnapped a leader of the Shiite Hezbollah militia suspected of launching attacks against Israel, the Army announced.

The target of the raid was Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, who Lebanese reports said was the closest ally of Iran in south Lebanon and who reportedly was involved in the kidnapping of US Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins in February 1988.

Army spokesman Col. Raanan Gissin would not say if Israel was considering trading Obeid for Higgins or three Israeli soldiers held in

Lebanon, but said the raid and abduction did not endanger the hostages lives.

"We believe Hezbollah leaders will now think twice before harming their hostages," Gissin told the Associated Press. "They value the lives of their leaders far more than they value the lives of their suicide fighters."

"The Defence Ministry and the Israel defence forces are doing all they can do to get back Israelis held in Lebanon and if other hostages could be brought back, we would welcome it," he said.

## KAL tragedy in Tripoli



### Death toll reaches 78

THE death toll from the crash of a South Korean airliner in Libya rose to 78 on Friday with the death of an injured Japanese passenger in hospital.

A spokesman for the South Korean embassy in Tripoli said the Japanese died overnight. A Libyan injured on the ground had also died. Picture shows relatives of the victims collapse into each others arms as the names of the dead are released in Seoul. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Call to cost extra minute

THE Ministry of Communications announced that one minute will be added to all foreign calls made from Kuwait to all countries. A decision issued by the communications minister said that any one making trunk calls through the telephone exchange operators and get the line, will have to pay for one minute extra over the call time. If the operator does not get the line, customers will not be required to pay. The decision did not say why and for what period the rule applies, adding that it applies to personal calls.

## Beirut inferno as blitz kills 13

BEIRUT, July 28, (AP): Warring Syrian and Christian forces clobbered Beirut with 50,000 shells and rockets overnight, killing 13 people and wounding 65 in the heaviest random bombardment in four months, police said.

Almost every neighbourhood in the divided capital as well as the Christian port city of Jounieh were hit "as if by a killer earthquake," said a police spokesman. "It was Beirut's night of horror and terror."

The eight-hour barrage set off fires that burned out of control, gutting scores of warehouses, shops and apartment buildings. Orange flames leaped into the night sky as residents covered in basements and bomb shelters.

The new casualties raised the overall toll to 494 dead and 2,014 injured since the current round of civil war fighting erupted on March 8 between Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's mainly Christian troops and alliance of the Syrian Army and Druze Muslim militiamen.

The police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said it was the heaviest shelling since the four-month confrontation "in terms of firepower used and destruction wreaked."

It started at 8 pm (1700 GMT) yesterday, when Syrian gunners in west Beirut and north Lebanon joined forces to blast Jounieh, East Beirut and the Christian port of Byblos.

Aoun's forces struck back at Syrian positions with 155 mm Howitzers and their allies from the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia, opened up indiscriminately against west Beirut. The shelling tapered off at 4 am (0100 GMT) today.

People emerged from bunkers in the morning to take stock of the losses and clean up debris. Supermarkets were jammed with shoppers buying food and bottled water, anticipating another bombardment.

Broken power cables dangled on streets littered with craters and glass shards. Hundreds of burned-out cars smoldered in west Beirut and the Christian east side. Businesses were closed.

An electric tools warehouse in west Beirut's Sadat district blazed from midnight to mid-day. Fire engines were unable to battle the blaze because of water shortage. Smoke blackened the facades of neighbouring apartment buildings.

Gissin said Obeid and two of his assistants were abducted by Israeli commandos and are now "safely in questioning." He would not name the two other kidnapped men.

Police sources in Lebanon identified them as Ahmed Obeid, a cousin, and Majid Fahs, a friend staying with the family.

The raid was carried out in the village of Jibchit, 31 kilometres (18 miles) north of the Israeli border, where Obeid was a mosque preacher, the Army said in a communique.

Gissin refused to give details on the raid, but Israel television reported that commandos landed by helicopter, surrounded Obeid's house, blew off his front door with plastic explosives and whisked the three men away in less than a half-hour.

Lebanese reports said the invading commandos shot and killed a neighbour, who was awakened by noise and came out to see what was happening.

Gissin would not confirm the report, but said Israel forces suffered no casualties and none of the abducted Lebanese were injured.

The communique, issued more than 15 hours after the raid, said Obeid was raised and educated in Iran and was an instigator of attacks against Israeli Army forces and Israel.

"He dealt with encouraging the struggle and authorizing terrorist attacks against Israel," the communique said. "He also dealt with passing on weapons to Hezbollah militias in the south and arranging shelter for those who committed the attacks."

The communique said Obeid "was in charge of the southern area of the Hezbollah organisation and he was a main figure in the organisation."

Gissin said the raid will deter Hezbollah from attacking Israeli forces in Lebanon and hinted that Obeid could be swapped for three captured Israeli soldiers.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman brushed aside criticism that Israel violated international law by crossing into Lebanon to abduct Obeid.

Britain's Foreign Office condemned the raid saying it threatened the safety of the 17 foreign hostages in Lebanon.

It was the third time in recent months that Israeli troops

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Obeid



Captured Philippine communist leader Satur Ocampo with wife Carolina Malay screams at his captors at a Manila constabulary base when presented by the military to the media. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Manila bags top rebel Ocampo

MANILA, July 28, (UPI): A high-ranking communist rebel leader, who was arrested with his wife yesterday, charged today he was being denied the right to bail and said President Corason Aquino's government was no different from the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship.

A military lawyer, however, said Saturino Ocampo and his wife, Carolina Malay, could not be released because they were facing murder charges in connection with the killings of suspec-

ted rebel infiltrators in Quezon province. Meanwhile, capital command chief Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre said police have arrested 24 suspected urban guerrilla hit men in operations, in the capital over a 48-hour period.

Aguirre said elite policemen recovered from the suspects a notebook listing at least five senior police officials, including himself, marked for killing.

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## India will pull troops

### Lanka crisis eased

COLOMBO, July 28, (AP):

India decided today to resume withdrawing its peace keeping force from Sri Lanka, ending a diplomatic standoff, and state television said 74 people died in one of the worst days of ethnic violence.

The Indian decision to start pulling out more troops tomorrow averted a showdown with Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who had called the continued Indian presence a threat to his nation's independence.

Sri Lankan television said most of those who died were killed by Sri Lankan forces in areas where the Indians are not deployed.

The telecast referred to those who died today as "troublemakers and disruptive elements" — terms frequently used for Sinhalese radicals.

It said 16 people were killed when they attacked a police station at Mannikhinna near Kandy, about 95 kilometres (60 miles) northeast of Colombo.

Sri Lankan security forces killed 21 more people who defied a curfew to stage anti-Indian demonstrations in the Monaragala district about 160 kilometres (100 miles) east of Colombo, the television said.

Five people were killed when they ignored curfew in the predominantly Tamil town of Batticaloa, 165 kilometres (103 miles) northeast of Colombo, the

newscast said. The other deaths were scattered throughout central and southern Sri Lanka.

Premadasa, who originally sought the departure of all of India's 45,000 soldiers by tomorrow, told his nation of the decision on state-run television about an hour after it was simultaneously announced by government spokesmen in Colombo and New Delhi.

Neither side indicated how many Indian soldiers would leave tomorrow, but given the logistics involved only a token force was likely to depart.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne and six other Sri Lankan officials were to fly to New Delhi tomorrow to discuss a timetable for the withdrawal.

The United States welcomed the agreement and hoped the countries would work out a withdrawal schedule that minimized further fighting and recognised Sri Lanka's "sovereignty and independence," State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler said.

Premadasa sought to portray the Indian decision as a victory. The 2-year-long Indian military presence has further fuelled Sri Lanka's ethnic violence among the Tamil guerrillas the Indians were supposed to disarm and Sinhalese extremists who denounced the Indian presence as a violation of Sri Lankan sovereignty.

## Pakistan, Iran ink military pact

NICOSIA, July 28, (AP): Iran and Pakistan have set up a joint commission at ministerial level for co-operation in military training and defence industries, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The agency quoted a statement released simultaneously in Islamabad and Tehran as describing the co-operation pact "a significant step by the governments of Pakistan and Iran to strengthen bilateral co-operation in military training and the defence industry."

The agreement follows a week-long visit by Pakistan's Minister of State for Defence, Ghulam Sarwar Cheema, to Tehran where he discussed specific proposals with Iranian officials

on training requirements for the Iranian armed forces and joint ventures in defence, IRNA said.

While in Iran earlier this week, Cheema met Iranian Defence Minister Mohammad Hassan Jalali, and Islamic Revolutionary Guards Minister Ali Shamkhani.

The agreement with Pakistan is part of major efforts by Iran to rebuild its military forces following a chain of battlefield defeats against Iraq last year.

Apart from purchasing new weapons, the Iranians have sought to expand their own arms industry, which already is producing surface-to-surface missiles, artillery, light aircraft and other hardware.

### Rafsanjani likely

## Iran votes

TEHRAN, July 28, (AP): Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani appeared set to be elected the Islamic republic's fourth president today by Iranians who believe he can revitalize the moribund economy and ease the hardship of 10 years of revolution and war.

Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi reported that voting was so heavy that many of the 26,000 polling booths across the country will stay open an extra seven hours until midnight (2030 GMT).

Mohtashemi, a hardliner, claimed in a television interview that his security agencies had foiled plots by opposition groups "backed by global arrogance," the Iranian epithet for the United States and its allies, to disrupt the voting. But he did not elaborate.

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## Saudis see Soviet role

WASHINGTON, July 28, (KUNA): The Saudi ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar Bin Sultan said here today the Soviet Union can play a "constructive role" in the peace process if the Soviets are willing to do that since "every little help is needed in the Middle East."

Speaking in an interview on CBS's "This Morning" television programme, the Saudi diplomat refused to comment on whether Saudi Arabia would welcome at this stage the resumption of normal relations with the Soviets. He stressed that Saudi Arabia has not broken diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union but it does not have representation at present. "When that will come will depend on decisions that are made by people higher than me," he said.

Responding to a question on the American role in the current phase of peace negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis, Prince Bandar said:

## Fahd 'fine'

JEDDAH, July 28, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia has categorically denied an American press report that claimed King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz is suffering from incurable disease as "unfounded rumours."

The Saudi Press Agency, SPA, quoted an official source as saying that the report published by the Washington Times yesterday was baseless.



# Antarctic ozone hole may raise cancer risk elsewhere

NEW YORK, July 28, (AP): The Antarctic "ozone hole" apparently caused record low ozone levels over southern Australia in 1987, said scientists, who suggested that the hole may raise skin cancer risk in the globe's southern latitudes.

The work is the first detailed study that links the Antarctic hole to observed ozone declines in the southern hemisphere's midlatitudes, where many people live, scientists said.

The study concludes that record low ozone levels over southern Australia and New Zealand were caused mainly by the arrival of ozone-poor air from the Antarctic hole.

Southern South America and the southern tip of Africa also may be vulnerable, said study co-author R. Alan Plumb.

A layer of ozone, a form of oxygen, high in the atmosphere shields the earth from ultraviolet rays in sunlight that cause skin

cancer. Reductions in ozone let more rays through and can boost skin cancer rates.

The Antarctic ozone hole, which appears for a limited time every year, is an area in which up to 50 per cent of ozone disappears.

Plumb said that while he regards the declines observed over Australia and New Zealand as relatively small, they could become more hazardous.

But Margaret Kripke, an immunologist who studies skin cancer, said the increase in ultraviolet rays implied by the ozone observations is "enormous".

Such increases could raise the risk of skin cancer, but it is difficult to say by how much, said Kripke, chairman of the Immunology Department at MD Anderson Cancer Centre of the University of Texas.

Protection of the world-wide ozone shield has become a focus

of international concern that extends beyond the Antarctic ozone hole. Last year, for example, scientists announced evidence that ozone had declined about 2.3 per cent since 1969 over a region that includes most of the United States.

In May, delegates from 81 countries at a UN conference pledged to stop producing and using chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons, which destroy ozone, by the year 2000.

The new study was conducted by Plumb of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Paul Newman, of the Universities Space Research Association and a visiting scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland; and researchers from Australia and New Zealand.

It appeared yesterday in the British journal Nature. The Antarctic ozone hole was

## Carbon dioxide emission on the increase

WASHINGTON, July 28, (UPI): World-wide emissions of carbon dioxide — the main pollutant blamed for global warming — rose for the fourth consecutive year in 1987, and developing nations had the biggest rise, a US scientist said Wednesday.

World-wide carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of oil, coal and gas by power plants, factories and motor vehicles increased to an all-time high of 5.65 billion tonnes, up 1.43 per cent from the 1986 levels of 5.57 billion tonnes, said Greg Marland, a staff scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Marland, testifying before the Senate energy and natural resources committee, said carbon dioxide emissions have grown steadily since 1950, except for a slight recession-related dip in 1974 and a more extended decrease from 1979 through 1983 due to oil price shocks.

Since 1983, however, carbon dioxide pollution has begun climbing again, accounting for an overall 7.3 increase from 1980 through 1987, he said.

Carbon dioxide is considered a primary cause of the "greenhouse effect" — the warming of the earth by the accumulation of pollution in the earth's atmosphere.

Scientists believe the growing concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere allow sunlight in, but then trap heat radiating back up from the earth — much as the glass walls of a greenhouse hold in heat.

Marland said US emissions rose even faster than global emissions in 1987, going up 1.92 per cent, and preliminary estimates for 1988 show another 3 per cent jump in US emissions.

The United States now accounts for 22 per cent

of the world's total carbon dioxide emissions, the largest single share of any country, but Marland said the US share has declined sharply since 1950, when the United States accounted for 42 per cent.

While the United States, the Soviet Union and China are the greatest sources of carbon dioxide — emitting more than half of the world total, Marland said developing nations are becoming increasingly important contributors.

Marland said the highest rate of growth in carbon dioxide emissions occurred in south and southeast Asia, where there was a 6.2 per cent increase over 1986 levels. There was a 4.1 per cent increase in Latin America and 3.2 per cent hike in Africa.

Marland said a few countries had succeeded in reducing their carbon dioxide emissions, most notably France, which he said had registered a 30 per cent decrease since 1979.

unusual in 1987, the study said. Ozone levels reached record lows in October and November, and the funnel-shaped wind pattern that sustained the hole disintegrated in early December rather than November.

With the disintegration of the wind pattern each year, streams of polar air are ripped away and migrate north, the researchers said.

They concluded that the arrival of such ozone-poor air

was the chief factor in producing record low ozone levels over southern Australia and New Zealand in December 1987.

The levels reported over the Australian cities Melbourne and Perth for much of the month

were the lowest December readings since measurements began in 1979.

The Melbourne readings averaged about 7 per cent below normal for the month.

## 'An average' Reagan

Historians 'rate him in the middle'

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): Six months after Ronald Reagan left the White House, historians and political scientists asked to guess how history will rate his presidency rank him in the middle.

Calvin Coolidge's name kept coming up in comparison.

"Coolidge was strong for keeping things from being done," said Lewis Gould, a University of Texas historian.

He also said Reagan has elements of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his ability to communicate. But he thinks that ultimately Reagan will wind up "in the middle or lower-middle ranks."

Franklin Freidel, professor of emeritus at both Harvard and the University of Washington and a biographer of Roosevelt, didn't draw the FDR analogy. Instead, he compared Reagan to Dwight Eisenhower.

"If I had to rank him right now, I would rank him as high as Dwight Eisenhower," says Freidel, 73. "Both were total charmers. Both clung to the same sort of small-town middle western virtues. Both were men of principle. Both to a certain extent were hands-off presidents."

Eisenhower biographer Fred Greenstein of Princeton University, on the other hand, said Ike never had a scandal like Iran-Contra and never had his weaknesses laid bare in kiss-and-tell books like those that have come out about Reagan.

"I don't think he'll be rated high on competence," says Greenstein, who compares Reagan to scandal-singled Ulysses Grant. "Someone who had substantial public support but left a rather messy legacy."

Political scientist Thomas Cronin of Colorado college said Reagan "will have to be judged as having made a consequence."



Black Sambos T-shirts

A young Japanese woman peers over the shoulder of a friend who shows her a T-shirt decorated with a black figure, readily available in Tokyo shopping areas here yesterday. The Foreign Ministry said today it planned a travel advisory after reports that a tourist was ordered off a Washington bus by two black men and told to remove shorts emblazoned with little Black Sambos. (Reuter wirephoto)

## The IRS protects image at all costs

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): Wrongdoing in the Internal Revenue Service criminal division goes unexposed because of an "institutional mindset" that the IRS image must be protected, according to investigators for a House subcommittee.

Leonard Bernard and Richard Stana said their investigation of the agency that collects federal taxes uncovered abuses ranging from inappropriate personal involvement with informants to illegal use of government travel funds to visit girlfriends.

The investigators opened testimony Tuesday on the IRS before the House government operations subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs.

"There appears to be a long-standing institutional mindset which says protect the image and integrity of the IRS at all cost because the image is vital to a voluntary compliance system which relies on taxpayer integrity," said Bernard and Stana.

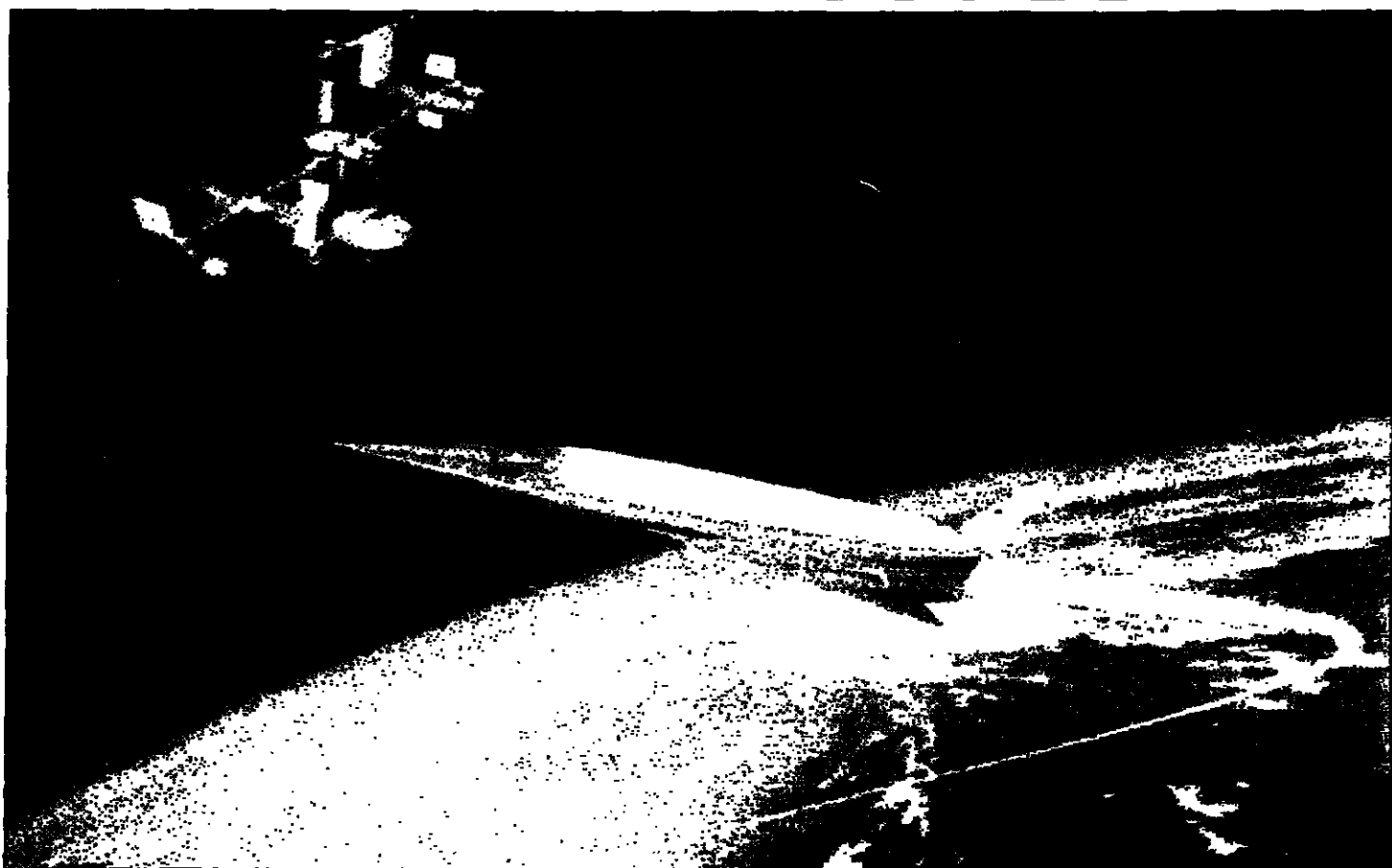
"Our investigation revealed, for example, that on a number of occasions, IRS national office officials at the highest levels ignored instances of wrongdoing by senior managers in Washington, DC, and elsewhere," Stana told the committee.

The vast majority of IRS employees understand the importance of high ethical standards, said the two investigators, who added their probe was limited to a small fraction of the criminal division's activities.

"However," they said, "The abuses were found underscore the lack of intensive management review and internal auditing of (division) programmes and operations."

IRS Commissioner Fred Goldberg, who is to testify Thursday, said in prepared testimony he disagrees with the investigators' characterisation of the agency as being more concerned about image than possible internal wrongdoing.

"The public knows that we are a large agency and that we will make mistakes," he said. "I believe our image is enhanced — not tarnished — when the public knows that we aggressively investigate and punish wrongdoing by IRS employees."



Artist's concept of the 'Aerospace' plane heading toward the US manned space station at the turn of the century. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bush endorses Tokyo express

US lunar base by first decade of 21st century

WASHINGTON, July 28, (Agencies): President George Bush has given the go-ahead for further research on a high-speed space plane, but delayed until 1993 a decision on whether to actually build the futuristic craft, the White House announced.

The plane was originally billed as "The Orient Express" when former President Reagan first proposed it in 1986 because its proponents predicted it could fly from New York to Tokyo in two hours.

But the plane had been in jeopardy of being abandoned by a reluctant US Defence Department until Bush's decision, which was announced on Wednesday.

The futuristic national aero-space plane is intended to take off and land horizontally from conventional airports like a plane, but streak through the new-space upper atmosphere at 25 times the speed of sound.

The technology development programme was jeopardized in April when Defence Secretary Richard Cheney proposed slashing its budget from \$300 million to \$100 million in the fiscal year beginning Oct 1 and nothing in the following year.

Now, Bush has declared it "a high priority national effort," and the Defence Department has agreed to continue joint programme management with the National Aeronautics

and Space Administration, and to provide an increasing share of its budget.

The Bush administration will press for \$254 million for the project next year, split equally between the Defence Department and NASA budgets.

Bush, in reviving the experimental plane's fortunes, was following the recommendations of Vice-President Dan Quayle and the space council that Quayle heads.

The White House said in a statement, "unmanned as well as manned designs will be considered and the programme will be conducted in such a way as to minimize technical and cost uncertainty."

Under the new orders, the deadline for a decision on whether to build an actual experimental craft will be pushed back from late 1990 to early 1993.

That means the earliest date for an actual flight would be delayed from 1996 or 1997 until the year 2000, administration officials said.

Taking Bush's charge to fly to Mars and the moon, NASA said that American astronauts could establish a lunar base by the first decade of the 21st century and go to the red planet 10 years later.

In an address to employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,

agency chief Richard Truly said, "we are very well poised with the proper support of the Congress to move out on such a programme as this."

On the 20th anniversary last Thursday of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon, Bush proposed a return to the moon and a flight to Mars, but without setting a detailed timetable.

Joining Truly, NASA associate administrator Frank Martin said a moon base housing four astronauts for up to 30 days could be built on the moon by the first decade of the 21st century.

It would be followed by more sophisticated bases that could house 12 astronauts for a year, he said.

A flight to the red planet would be possible in the "second decade" of the next century and lead to permanent colonies on the planet, Martin said.

"I don't think I have to tell everybody why we'd like to go to Mars," he said. "It's been something that has intrigued us for centuries. It's scientifically exciting."

"There's still a question whether or not there was once upon a time life on Mars, and from my whole view of this ... there's going to be and it's going to be human life," Martin said.



Double trouble

Australian pop singer and TV soap-opera actress, Kylie Minogue, met her double at Madame Tussaud's in London yesterday. The former 'Neighbours' star was modelled by sculptor Steve Swales earlier this year. The petite Kylie has directed her talents into a successful singing career since she left 'Neighbours' and has even teamed up for duets with her former co-star Jason Donovan. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Shuttle to lift off Aug 8

CAPE CANAVERAL, July 28, (AP): Space shuttle Columbia is scheduled to lift off Aug 8 on a mission with five military astronauts and a classified Defence Department spy satellite.

NASA selected the date on Wednesday at the conclusion of a two-day flight review that assessed the readiness of the Orbiter, payload, global tracking network and all other mission elements.

Columbia will be making the 30th shuttle flight and the fourth solely dedicated to the Defence Department.

For national security reasons, the Defence Department would not permit the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to announce an exact liftoff time or the length of the mission.



Mayan find

Rae Beaubien, conservator at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, studies what archaeologists believe to be a Mayan manuscript dated at approximately 600 AD.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Child care

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): Families with working mothers are spending \$14 billion a year on child care, an expense that costs women in poverty more than one-fifth of their income, the census bureau reported Wednesday.

Of the 5.8 million women who reported making regular payments for child care, the average weekly cost was \$4.20, the bureau said. That amounted to about 6 per cent of their income in 1986 when the study was conducted.

While women living in poverty reported spending \$12 a week for child care, that amounted to 22 per cent of their incomes according to the report.

### Cancer kids

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28, (UPI): Tired but smiling, five teen-age cancer patients arrived from the Soviet Union late Wednesday night for a month in California that will include a stay at a camp especially designed for kids with cancer.

The four girls and a boy, two of the visitors' mothers and an interpreter landed aboard a Pan Am flight and were greeted with hugs, balloons and flowers.

The idea for the trip was born in January when John Bell, founder of Camp Okizu near Nevada City, California, saw a series of televised reports on the children.

With the help of Dr Robert Gale, the UCLA oncology specialist who went to the Soviet Union during the Chernobyl disaster, arrangements were made to bring the teenagers to the bay area.

### Baby boom

WASHINGTON, July 28, (UPI): The United States experienced a baby boom in 1988 with the largest number of births in nearly a quarter-century and also saw a record number of deaths that reflected an older population, the government said Wednesday.

An estimated 3,913,000 babies arrived last year, 2 per cent higher than in 1987 and the largest number since 4,027,490 in 1964, while 2,171,000 people died, according to an annual count by the national center for health statistics.

"This record high number of deaths is consistent with a general increase in the size of the population for ages 65 and over, and the occurrence of an influenza outbreak in the first few months of the year," the agency said.

The previous record was set in 1987 with 2,127,000 deaths.

### Woman guns down

LOS ANGELES, July 28, (Reuters): A 26-year-old woman shot and critically wounded the man she accused of raping her after prosecutors decided there was insufficient evidence to file charges against him, police said on Wednesday.

Elizabeth Gooden filed a report last Friday claiming Wilson Pequet, 38, had raped her in his apartment.

Pequet was arrested and jailed on suspicion of rape.

But police said Gooden apparently decided to take the law into her own hands after the Los Angeles County district attorney's office told her on Tuesday that charges would not be filed.

### Homeless help

BERKELEY, California, July 28, (AP): Homeless people guarded a park and screamed at rioters when police battled a mob of about 300 youths, including some fresh from an anarchist convention in San Francisco.

More than 30 rioters were arrested over a variety of felony and misdemeanor charges Wednesday, police said. Police suffered head wounds from rocks, bottles and cans thrown at them, but described the injuries as minor.

They are basically throwing anything they can get their hands on, said Jose Carlos Almeida, head prosecutor at the mine, located in the central state of Minas Gerais.

Almeida said US, Japanese and European precious stone dealers had already expressed interest in the stone. He and a few other prospectors rented a stretch of farmland where they mined for stones.

### Precious stone

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 28, (Reuters): Prospectors at a wild mine in Brazil on Wednesday found a huge chunk of beryl worth \$150 million, a Brazilian television network reported.

Rede Globo television said the 2,650 pound (1,200 kg) piece of beryl, a precious yellowish stone with shades of blue and green, was eight feet by 1.5 feet (2.5 metres by 1.5 metres).

"I'll make more money in one day than I could make in my lifetime," said Jose Carlos Almeida, head prosecutor at the mine, located in the central state of Minas Gerais.

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### 5 die of exposure

MENOMINEE, Michigan, July 28, (AP): Five dairy farm workers were overcome by methane fumes and died Wednesday when one of them slipped into a manure pit and the others descended in turn to rescue the men ahead of them.

"It appeared they were cleaning it and the first victim just happened to slip," said Dr Paul Haupt, county medical examiner. "One man accidentally slipped down the inclined plane; a second went down in and was overcome also. Then another went down to get the other two, and so on and so on."

Each of the victims suffocated, probably within 90 seconds of exposure to methane, an odorless gas generated by the animal waste in the pit, said Dr Paul Haupt, county medical examiner. Autopsies would not be conducted, he said.

## US blacks lag behind

Still down and out

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): Black citizens in the United States still lag far behind whites in economic and social status, according to a report released yesterday that says the pace of improvements begun 50 years ago has slowed dramatically since the early 1970s.

"The great gulf that existed between black and white Americans in 1939 has only been narrowed; it has not closed," said the report by a National Research Council committee.

Blacks made their greatest gains during the 1940s and 1960s, but since the early 1970s "The economic status of black relative to whites has, on average, stagnated or deteriorated," the report said.

The report said the gains have come chiefly because of a rapidly growing economy that improved the living standard of US citizens overall, passage and enforcement of civil rights laws, equal opportunity efforts and political and social activism by blacks.

The slowdown in the US economy since 1973 has taken a bite from the real earnings of all citizens. But it also has increased inequality by hitting hardest the least skilled and those with the lowest incomes — a clear setback for many lower-income blacks, the report said.

Blacks have also been hurt by continued racial segregation and racial discrimination, the report said.

"Under conditions of increasing economic hardship for the least prosperous members of society, blacks, because of their special legacy of poverty and discrimination, are afflicted sooner, more deeply and longer," the report said.

The report discounts the popular notion that blacks are consumed by a self-perpetuating "culture of poverty," saying attitudes toward work and the desire to succeed are about the same among the poor and the better off.

While whites want racial equality in social institutions and in government policy, "many whites are less likely to espouse or practice equality of treatment for blacks in their personal behaviour," the report said.

"Full assimilation of blacks in a 'colour blind' society is unlikely in any foreseeable future," it said, but added that "integrated participation in public affairs is becoming more acceptable."

The study, begun in 1985, is based on data and research analyses assessing the position of blacks in US society since the eve of World War II. The 22-member study committee included experts in a range of academic specialties.

Blacks gained in income and earnings through the 1950s and 1960s relative to whites, but after that they saw few economic gains, the report said.

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# New drug effective in controlling AIDS

Not a cure, but a powerful weapon

WASHINGTON, July 28. (Agencies): Federal researchers said yesterday that a drug called DDI may become a powerful new weapon against AIDS and that patients in a trial of the drug gained weight, felt better and were able to resist infection.

"This is not a cure for AIDS," said Dr Robert Yarchoan, a National Cancer Institute researcher. "But it appears to control the disease."

DDI, laboratory shorthand for 2', 3'-dideoxyinosine, combats AIDS by blocking reproduction of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes the disease. This action is similar to AZT, or zidovudine, the only drug now approved to directly treat AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"Like AZT, it appears to reduce the replication of the virus and controls the disease," Yarchoan said yesterday. "It can keep the virus from replicating, but it can't rid the body of the virus."

By reducing what doctors call "the virus load," Yarchoan said DDI enables the body to recover some ability to fight infection. The death of AIDS patients usually occurs from infections that their weakened immune systems cannot combat.

National Cancer Institute researchers hope to receive Food and Drug Administration approval to start second-phase clinical trials of DDI by September. Yarchoan said those trials will involve about 1,000 AIDS patients and 20 centres around the country. The trials could last six months to a year, he said. If they go well, DDI then could receive FDA approval for wide use.

Earlier this month, Bristol-Myers Co., which makes DDI, announced it would provide the drug free of charge to AIDS patients unable to participate in the next phase of government-monitored tests, expected to begin in September.

Yarchoan, co-leader of a research group that is conducting the early, limited clinical trials with DDI, said that the new drug has important advantages over AZT. He said it is less toxic, better tolerated by patients, and needs to be taken only two or three times a day. AZT must be taken six times daily without fail.

Non-Director Dr Samuel Broder said it is unusual "to see this much clear-cut evidence of activity against the AIDS virus at such an early stage of clinical testing."

But, Broder cautioned, "It is too early to tell whether DDI is as effective as AZT or less toxic when taken in the long term." Other researchers have reported that some HIV strains have developed a resistance to AZT after long-term use, Yarchoan said.

A combination of DDI and AZT may eventually be shown as the best way to control the AIDS virus, Yarchoan said.

More than 100,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, and health activists warned yesterday a growing government complacency is threatening America's fight against the epidemic.

Jean McGuire, leader of National Organisations Responding to AIDS, said that within the past two weeks the number of cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome reported to the US Centers for Disease Control climbed to about 104,000.

Of the total reported AIDS cases, about 60,000 people have died. The AIDS-related deaths exceeds the total 58,022 war-related deaths among US military forces in the Vietnam war.

Encainide is marketed by Bristol-Myers under the brand name Enkaid, and flecainide is sold by 3M Riker under the name Tambocor.

The two drugs were used in a National Institutes of Health-directed study called the cardiac arrhythmia suppression trials, or CAST.

In this study, encainide and flecainide were given to patients who had suffered heart attacks and then experienced mild or asymptomatic extra heartbeats.

The drugs were dropped from drug trials last April after the found that more patients taking the medication were dying suddenly than were patients in the study who were taking only sugar pills. (AP)



On the road again

Paul and Linda McCartney pose for photographers after playing a set before a press conference Tuesday in London to announce the Paul McCartney World Tour which begins on Sept 26 in Oslo. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Police will investigate why cops led 'bizarre' march by DC prostitutes

WASHINGTON, July 28. (UPI): District of Columbia police promised to investigate why officers led two dozen prostitutes on a midnight march to the Virginia state line, an action Virginia congressmen lambasted as "bizarre" and "an indignity."

Senator John Warner, Republican of Virginia, took the floor of the Senate Wednesday to call on DC Mayor Marion Barry and the police chief to immediately investigate the incident, which he called an "incredible, almost unbelievable episode in law enforcement."

The 24 women walked 1.4 miles (2.2 km) at about 1.30 am Tuesday from the capital's red-light district to the 14th street bridge, which connects Washington and Virginia.

A reporter from United Press International observed the scantily dressed women marching in a haphazard column along a downtown street escorted by police cars and uniformed officers on foot.

The women, some carrying high-heeled shoes in their hands, laughed and talked loudly as they strutted past rows of office buildings less than two blocks from the White House. Some bantered with



Wellman raises his arm in celebration as he is carried by Corbett after completing their eight-day climb. (Reuters wirephoto)

## On top of the world

### Paraplegic conquers mountain

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California. July 28. (Agencies): Mark Wellman, his legs paralyzed since falling off a mountain in 1982, conquered his disability and 3,000 foot (900m) El Capitan, pulling himself up the sheer granite wall in what amounted to the world's longest chin-up.

Hauling himself up the monolith's sheer — sometimes overhanging — rock face 6 inches (15 cm) at a time during an agonising eight-day effort, Wellman and his partner, Mike Corbett, negotiated the last 300 feet (90 m) Wednesday after spending the night hanging in their sleeping bags on Chickenhead Ledge.

Awaiting them on top was a sloping granite summit with a stark, windswept landscape considered one of the most beautiful spots in the world. A dazzling view includes some of the towering peaks of the Sierra Nevada and half dome, another of the park's most famous features.

Wellman was greeted by fellow park rangers with a T-shirt reading "See you at the top."

Corbett, 35, who pounded in the pitons and strung the ropes that pulled his friend up the rock, carried Wellman on his back 50 feet (15m) after completing the climb. Corbett wore a bandana around his head and a surfing T-shirt. Wellman jabbed the sky with a clenched fist. They were greeted by park rangers, reporters and by their girlfriends, who sprayed the sweating pair with champagne.

"I heard the people down in the valley cheering," the exhausted but jubilant Wellman said as he sipped a blue bottle of water. "It really pumped me up."

Wellman, a naturalist lecturer and director of Yosemite's Handicapped Visitor Access programme, lost the use of his legs in a 50-foot (15m) fall while climbing in nearby John Muir wilderness seven years ago. He wore the same boots during the El Capitan ascent as he wore that day.

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The computer-crime indictment charged that the virus, which spread across a nationwide network of computers, prevented the authorised use of those computers by universities and military bases.

The US Justice Department said in a statement released here that Morris was the first person to be charged under a provision of the computer fraud and abuse act of 1986 that outlaws unauthorised access to computers by hackers. The provision also makes it illegal to gain entry to a computer to damage or destroy files.

The indictment comes after months of deliberations within the Justice Department over whether to charge Morris with a felony or a misdemeanor.

Morris, of Arnold, Maryland, could face a possible five-year sentence and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of the charge.

"You have a dream and you know the only way that dream is going to happen is if you just do it ... even if it's 6 inches at a time," Wellman said.

"I think this is one of the most incredible things that has ever happened in this park," B.J. Griffin, acting park superintendent, told reporters in the valley. "It's an inspiration to me. I think about it, and it gives me chills."

Griffin said he believed the climb was actually harder for Corbett because he had to carry equipment in addition to laying the ropes. Corbett told a ranger: "I've got pains where I didn't even know I had parts."

Corbett climbed ahead of Wellman to anchor the ropes for each stage of the ascent. Wellman then pulled himself up the ropes on a T-bar device he and Corbett designed specifically for the El Capitan assault.

"He only moves 6 inches per pull," park spokeswoman Lisa Dapprich said. "When he completes the climb he will have done the equivalent of 7,000 pull-ups."

Corbett, a park janitor known as "Mr El Cap" because he has scaled the monolith more times than anyone — now 42 — said the worst thing was "the extra pressure I felt. I felt like the whole world was watching."

"In fact, one day I did not go to the bathroom for 24 hours because I was afraid people were watching me in the meadow below."

Wellman and Corbett had hoped to finish by Tuesday, but fell behind during the first five days because of potentially deadly gusting winds and temperatures that reached into the 90s.

Estranged from his family since his parents' divorce 10 years ago, Corbett said he was often distracted by the anticipated reunion with family members, some of whom learned for the first time in years that he was still alive after seeing him on television.

## 'Virus' infected 6,000 computers

### Hacker indicted by grand jury

WASHINGTON, July 28. (AP): A university student has been indicted on a felony charge stemming from the creation of a rogue computer "virus" that paralysed as many as 6,000 US computers last fall.

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

PALERMO, Sicily: After five years on the run, a convicted Mafia boss has been tracked down by detectives at a wedding reception, police reported.

Vincenzo Sorbo was convicted in absentia two years ago of criminal association and complicity in drug trafficking. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.

But his whereabouts were unknown until police spotted him at a recent wedding party in Palermo. The agents followed Sorbo home, where he was living under a false name, and arrested him. (AP)

BRISBANE, Australia: A do-it-yourself repairman found more than 30 snakes nesting in his loft when he tried to install insulation and was told the entire house was probably crawling with the reptiles.

Russ Smith decided he wasn't up to tackling the snakes and called in local Park Ranger Neil Barnett, who lived nearby.

"When you see a six or eight foot (2 - or 2.5 meter) snake stuck in the rafters and you are up there by yourself, you are not too keen about pulling them out by yourself," Smith said.

Burnett discovered a carpet snake, a venomous brown snake and about 30 green tree snakes draped along the rafters of the Thornlands suburb home in sub-tropical Queensland state.

"They were everywhere, along the rafters and all along the ceiling," said Burnett, who released the snakes on a nearby reserve. (AP)

CHARLESTON, West Virginia: Millionaire Percy Rose, who has made a pastime out of giving away part of the fortune he made in plastics, suddenly found himself with no cash to dole out.

"I've run out of money. I'm broke," Rose said during a visit to Charleston. "I guess I gave away too much yesterday in Huntington."

The Minnesota philanthropist, whose trademark is handing out silver dollars, gave out thousands of dollars in Huntington but had only \$40 to give away in Charleston.

He tried to make up for it by doling out checks to charitable groups and providing a helping hand at a free soup kitchen. (AP)

LONDON: Actor Rex Harrison knelt before Queen Elizabeth II and she ritually touched him on each shoulder with a sword, awarding him a knighthood in recognition of his services to the arts.

"I think it is marvelous. I love all the ceremony," he said.

Officially, he is now Sir Reginald, but he said he preferred Sir Rex, for the nickname he has used through his career. (AP)

LONDON: Jean Plowright the widow of Laurence Olivier has withdrawn from a production at the national theatre and the play has been cancelled.

The actress was to have taken the title role in "Celestina" by Spanish playwright Fernando de Rojas, which was to open on Nov 9. (AP)

CANTON: Mississippi: Harry Belafonte plans to travel to Canton to prepare for a movie about Sister Teri Bowman, a pioneer in the movement encouraging black Catholics to express their cultural roots within the church.

Whoopee Goldberg has agreed to star in the film and a screenwriter was in Canton for three weeks in December conducting interviews, officials said.

Bowman, a lecturer, poet, evangelist and singer, is the only black member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. (AP)

STANFORD, California: Former US Attorney General Edwin Meese III was highly grilled by students in a special Stanford University summer programme on government and speech, one that has lasted about 40 years ago.

The 157 students questioned Meese about the Iran-Contra arms deals and Former Marine Lt Col Oliver North's sentence.

Meese, 58, said he barely supported the arms sales to Iran, but "in retrospect, the idea was a good one. I think the way it was put together was imperfect." (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Johnny Carson's sidekick, Ed McMahon, has filed for divorce from Victoria V. McMahon, his wife of 13 years.

McMahon cited "irreconcilable differences" in his divorce filing. His executive assistant, Madeline Kelly said he is seeking custody of the couple's 3 1/2-year-old adopted daughter, Katherine. No disposition has been made for the couple's Beverly Hills home, she said. (AP)

NOBLESVILLE, Indiana: Officials are dead set against an encore performance by the Grateful Dead because of drug use by the rock group's faithful fans, the deadheads.

Drug use at a July 15 concert strained Hamilton County's law enforcement capabilities, said County Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger who attended the show.

"We were held almost helpless because we were outmanned," he said, adding that there would have been a "tremendous economic impact" on the county if hundreds of drug users had been arrested, jailed and tried. There were only 14 arrests.

"I would ask they not be invited back," Dillinger said at a hearing to review operations at the 3-month-old outdoor music centre. (AP)

LA VETA, Colorado: A nomadic bull moose that meandered through at least five states before settling in southern Colorado is delighting local residents but causing concern for wildlife officials.

"People have been getting very close to him for pictures and the like, and that could be dangerous," said Louie Brown, a district wildlife manager. (UPI)

LOS ANGELES: Actor Jim Garner, once described as the last real man in America, could be an odds-on favourite to be the next governor of California, says a state senator who wants him to run.

"Everybody knows him," said state senator Hensel B. Rosenthal, who added that he approached Garner but was rebuffed.

"He said, 'I'm making \$6 million a year, what do I need that for? or words to the effect,'" Rosenthal said. (AP)

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon: A porcupine with an appetite for rubber recently discovered a mobile delicacy and has been feeding on the cars hikers bring to a southwest Oregon wilderness area.

Hikers have returned to the Cherry Creek Trailhead west of Klamath Falls to find their radiator hoses and brake lines chewed apart. One driver drove into a ditch after a porcupine munched on the vehicle's brake lines.

"One of our rigs was damaged, also a couple of visitor rigs," said Jim Galaba, a Klamath ranger district resource officer. "It was pretty frightening experience for one person." (UPI)

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho: A Nevada man has filed a \$1.50 lawsuit against the Kootenai County Jail, claiming it owes him a pack of cigarettes.

Gordon Kinzer, 37, of Elko was arrested early Monday at his estranged wife's home just outside of Post Falls and booked on a charge of violating a court order not to harass the woman.

He was jailed for less than an hour before posting \$300 cash bail. But when he checked out of jail, officials failed to return the cigarettes; they had confiscated from him when he was locked up. Kinzer charged in the 1st district court.

"Everyone can do that if they like," said Chief Sheriff's deputy Jim Fekling. "Everyone has a right to file a small claim." (UPI)

MARTINSBURG, West Virginia: Some inmates at the Eastern Regional jail climb fences to get away, others simply let their fingers do the walking.

Telephone officials said Thursday they are baffled by long-distance calls from inmates being charged to third parties — including former County Sheriff William Kinzer — from inside cell blocks.

Jail officials are not sure how many calls have been placed, but they know of five people reporting calls showing up on their home telephone bills. (UPI)

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# Fugitive Greek banker refuses to testify

BOSTON, July 28, (AP): A fugitive Greek banker accused in a multimillion-dollar embezzling scheme that helped bring down his Socialist government has refused to testify at his extradition hearing, saying he feared retribution.

"I am afraid if I testify here today I would endanger the lives of my wife and children," George Koskotas, the 35-year-old former chairman of the Bank of Crete, said Wednesday in a brief appearance before US Magistrate Joyce Alexander.

Prosecutors and attorneys submitted evidence and Alexander took the case under advisement. She did not indicate when she would decide whether Koskotas

should be sent back to Greece.

Koskotas, who spoke softly and rapidly on the stand, said he has continued to receive threats. He is being held in Essex County jail in Salem, Massachusetts.

Defence Attorney Ron Liebman noted that since June 16, the last court date in the case, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement of former Premier Andreas Papandreu was defeated in general elections.

The Koskotas affair and other allegations of corruption were rallying points for Greek opposition parties. Liebman asked Alexander to consider the political implications of the case, "so that the court of the United States does not sign an

extradition order which turns into having signed a death warrant."

Koskotas is accused by Greek authorities of embezzling \$200 million. He has claimed he acted with the approval of Papandreu and put the money into accounts controlled by the premier's party.

Meanwhile, Parliament debated yesterday whether to set up a committee to probe allegations that Papandreu ordered politicians' phones tapped.

The debate came six days after the centre-right New Democracy, the dominant party in the coalition government, submitted a proposal charging that Papandreu

had ordered a wiretapping network.

"Andreas Papandreu planned and ordered the National Intelligence Service (EYP) to organise the systematic monitoring of the telephone conversations of politicians and his own party members," said Apostolos Kratsas, New Democracy's parliamentary speaker.

The proposal also charges that three former heads of the Ministry of Transport and Communications were involved in the alleged eavesdropping.

It accuses Papandreu of ordering wiretaps on the telephones of the Greek president, political rivals, his own cabinet ministers and military officers.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ruled out

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): Democrats Wednesday blocked a Republican-proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burning as they pursued passage of a regular statute they say can do the same thing.

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Jack Brooks, ruled out of order an attempt by Republican Congressman James Sensenbrenner to bring before the committee the amendment backed by President George Bush.

Supporters of the amendment contend that changing the constitution is the only way to overcome last month's ruling by the supreme court that destruction of the American flag is a protected form of free expression.

### Citizenship ruling

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, July 28, (AP): Now that an immigration appeals panel has ruled that left-wing writer Margaret Randall is a US citizen who cannot be deported, the first thing she wants to do is fly to Paris.

"Ironically, she will now finally be able to leave the country and visit her grandchildren," said David Cole, Randall's attorney.

### Ethnic tensions

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 28, (AP): Yugoslavia's feuding communist leadership, deeply split along regional lines, is to blame for the country's slide into a "nationalist precipice," the official Tanjug news agency said in an unusually blunt commentary today.

"Relations between Yugoslavia's ethnic groups have reached the lowest point in the postwar period," Tanjug said in a report prepared for a meeting devoted to the problem.

### Salmonella

LONDON, July 28, (KUNA): British health officials feared the number of people affected in a salmonella food poisoning outbreak could eventually run into hundreds, after 24 new cases were confirmed today.

Two people have already died in north Wales as a result of eating stuffed pork leg contaminated with a strain of salmonella, and the 24 cases yesterday brought the total affected to 105.

### Heatwave

LONDON, July 28, (KUNA): The heatwave in the UK is set to continue into next week, the weathermen warned today.

However they predicted that during the weekend rain will creep into some areas, although the rainfall will not be sufficient to ease water shortages in many parts of the country. Temperatures recently soared in England to a record level of 35C not seen for more than a decade.

The hot spell has led to many other problems in a country which is only used to rain, fog and stormy weather.

### Speed limits

ROME, July 28, (Reuters): Italy's new minister in charge of speed limits wants to reverse his predecessor's hard-won efforts to make Italians drive more slowly.

Public Works Minister Gianni Prandini told Il Messaggero newspaper today he would work for a law abolishing a 110 kph (68 mph) limit for all but the lightest vehicles.

### Under fire

WASHINGTON, July 28, (UPI): President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, under fire for handing ambassadorships to heavy campaign contributors, have a "working policy" of choosing 67 per cent career diplomats to 33 per cent political appointees for the top embassy posts, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Deputy press secretary B J Cooper told reporters that the political appointees are more apparent in the beginning of an administration.



Khashoggi leaves the federal courthouse in New York on Thursday after posting bail. He must wear an electronic bracelet that allows the government to keep track of him. (Reuters wirephoto)

## An eye on Khashoggi

Khashoggi leaves jail

NEW YORK, July 28, (UPI): An electronic bracelet attached to the wrist of Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi made sure the multimillionaire stayed close to New York today, his first full day of freedom after eight days of federal custody.

The 54-year-old Khashoggi posted \$10 million bail yesterday and was released from jail until March, when he goes on trial for his business dealings on behalf of Ferdinand Marcos.

"I am pleased that the courts have granted me bail," he said yesterday, reading from a hand-printed note. "I am anxious to begin work on my defence, and look forward to clearing my name at the trial."

US Marshals had to fight to clear a path through the hundreds of reporters and cameramen to a grey limousine that carried him to his sumptuous suite in the Olympic Towers in midtown Manhattan.

There, a computer device attached to his telephone that can "talk" to his bracelet will keep him on a relatively short tether—allowing trips only to the north of Manhattan, and then only as far as the Catskill Mountains.

An appeals court earlier yesterday denied a government request to block Khashoggi's release.

Khashoggi also was given a March 14 date for his trial with Imelda Marcos, wife of the ousted Philippine president, on charges of mail fraud and obstruction of justice. Marcos, reported in a coma in a Hawaii hospital, has been severed from the trial.

Following the appeals court decision, Khashoggi appeared in US District Judge John Keenan's court where the judge warned him: "If you should be silly enough to flee, to jump bail, you can be tried in absentia."

Khashoggi, dressed in the same olive green safari suit with epaulettes and gold buttons he wore when he arrived under guard from Switzerland July 19, stood somberly as he faced Keenan.

"I want to assure your honour that I will abide because I cherish the relationship with America," he said in a loud, clear voice.

## Coming home

NEW YORK, July 28, (AP): The comforts of home, and then some, awaited Adnan Khashoggi when he got out of jail yesterday.

After posting \$10 million bail, Khashoggi traded a 75-square-foot (7-square-metre) cell at New York's Metropolitan Correctional Centre for a 30,000-square-foot (2,787 square metre) luxury apartment on Fifth Avenue.

There, he was free to enjoy his luscious, air-conditioned sauna—or take a dip in a swimming pool overlooking the spires of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Khashoggi's pied-a-terre was carved out of 16 separate apartments on the 46th and 47th floors of the Olympic Tower.

The Saudi-based National Commercial Bank filed a foreclosure suit on the apartment last month. But US District Judge John Keenan said Tuesday that defence lawyers had told the court the bank has given Khashoggi a year to clear up the \$28.7 million default.

The apartment was featured in the June 1984 issue of House and Garden magazine, which described its design as sleek and sophisticated, subtly employing classic Arab traditions.

"Though extremely large, the Khashoggi apartment contains a number of intimate seating areas," noted a photo caption. "This one adjoins the two-storey atrium that encloses the swimming pool."

Khashoggi has prepared a financial report that estimates his net worth at \$53.8 million—and specifies he has 47 cents in a bank account in Monte Carlo.

The report, dated July 20 and submitted to a federal court in connection with his efforts to be granted bail, confirms that Khashoggi's wealth reaches around the world.

It lists a home in Saudi Arabia, an estate in Malaga, Spain, and the Fifth Avenue apartment in New York.

It names 73 companies based in a host of countries, including Panama, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Lichtenstein, Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and the Netherlands.

The report also shows that Khashoggi has financial difficulties. He listed \$89 million in personal and business debts, including an \$81,000 credit card bill and \$378,033 in lawyers fees.

Of the 73 companies Khashoggi owns or controls, only 12 were listed as active. The others were described as dormant, in liquidation or in bankruptcy.

He obtained his estimated net worth of \$53.8 million by subtracting the total liabilities from his assets.

A short time later, Khashoggi's brother, Essam and Amr, posted two \$5 million bank cheques drawn on Barclay's Bank for bail with the court clerk, and the bracelet was attached to the wrist of the man once reputed to be the world's richest.

The electronic surveillance limits Khashoggi's movements to the southern district of New York—Manhattan, the Bronx, and seven upstate counties.

The electronic surveillance is operated by the government's Pre-trial Services. The non-removable device on Khashoggi's wrist can send signals to an attachment on his telephone, officials said.

Several times a day, Khashoggi will be called and must put the bracelet on the phone device.

If his line is continuously busy, or he does not answer with the bracelet, US Marshals will be alerted.

If he wants to make a short trip, or go out to dinner, he must call surveillance authorities and get permission, officials said.

The Marcoses, Khashoggi and six others were initially charged in federal court in October 1988 with stealing \$103 million in Philippine funds, and then defrauding US banks of \$165 million to buy prime Manhattan properties between 1972 and 1978.

Then, in a superseding indictment handed up March 9, prosecutors charged the group illegally obtained an additional \$77 million although not necessarily from the Philippines.

Cruse told investigators after his capture that he was "trying to get back" at people who taunted him.

Before the sentencing, public defender James Russo said he believed there was little chance that Cruse wouldn't get the death sentence.

## Jurors convict Palme suspect

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 28, (Agencies): Carl Gustaf Pettersson, a Swede who haunted the streets of Stockholm in search of drugs and drink, was convicted yesterday of murdering Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The 42-year-old Pettersson was sentenced to life imprisonment, the most severe penalty possible. Sweden has no death penalty.

Swedish legal experts today criticised the guilty verdict and said it had damaged confidence in the country's legal system.

"This judgement was not good. It erodes confidence in the Swedish legal system and how it functions," said Lawyer Pelle Svensson.

Stockholm District Court handed down the guilty verdict after 17 days of deliberations and drafting of the legal judgement. The conviction ended one of the most closely watched trials in Sweden and capped the country's largest criminal investigation.

The panel of two professional judges and six lay jurors delivered a split verdict, but only a simple majority was needed for conviction. Pettersson's attorney said he would appeal.

The case has been tentatively scheduled for Sept 7. Commentators said Pettersson had a good chance of winning the appeal since judges would outnumber lay assessors four to three in the higher court.

"Barring extraordinary events, he will be set free by the Court of Appeals," said Jan Karlsson, a criminal lawyer and one of many legal experts who noted that judges often have stricter evidence requirements than lay assessors.

"The entire Palme investigation has created great public concern and reduced confidence in the system of justice. The District Court's split decision hardly makes amends," he said.

In neighbouring Norway, a veteran lawyer described the verdict as a "travesty of justice."

"It is a giant defeat for the Swedish legal system, a disgrace," said Alf Nordlund, one of his country's best-known defence lawyers.

The two judges in the case said there was insufficient evidence to convict Pettersson, while the laymen accepted the testimony of Palme's widow, who said she saw Pettersson standing near her husband moments after the shooting.

Pettersson maintained his innocence throughout the trial.

Palme was shot with a .357 magnum pistol, but the murder weapon was never found. Neither Mrs Palme nor any other witness testified they saw him with a gun in his hand. No motive was established.

"There might be grounds, maybe good grounds, for the reversal of an appellate court," Defence Attorney Arne Liljeros said on Swedish Radio. He called the decision "a halfway victory."

The district court's decision said Mrs Palme "with great certainty" identified Pettersson as the man she saw directly after her husband fell to the ground with a mortal wound.

"The way she identified him at the trial is, according to the court, very convincing," the 46-page decision said.

Palme was shot in the back at close range while walking home from a movie on Feb 28, 1986.

His death shocked many Swedes into the realisation that their peaceful country was not immune to terrorism or street violence.

In the years after the shooting, police looked for an international conspiracy in an investigation marked by public squabbles and frustrations.

## Office block on site of Rose Theatre

LONDON, July 28, (UPI): A London property developer was given the go-ahead Wednesday to build an office block on the site of the 16th century Rose Theatre where William Shakespeare himself is believed to have performed, officials said.

The move ended weeks of opposition to the construction plans by theatre personalities opposed to despoiling a site of historic literary value because they feel it should be properly preserved and revived.

But the London Borough of Southwark granted

the approval subject to legally binding conditions stipulating that the developers Imry Merchant grant archaeologists and the public have permanent access to the site of the theatre which is 70 feet (21.3 metres) in diameter and has room for an audience of 2,000 people.

Revised development plans have made provision to construct the new office block on stilts above the remains of the theatre.



### Royal entertainment

Queen Elizabeth II (right) heads for her pavilion after emerging from the crowd at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace here on Wednesday. The Queen and Prince Philip entertained about four thousand selected guests on the grounds of the palace. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Boy dead, police called in

OLDHAM, England, July 28, (AP): Riot police moved into a racially mixed area of this northern town Wednesday night as tension mounted over the death of a teen-age boy in an apparent racial attack by whites.

The police remained in the Glodwick area for several hours until angry crowds that had gathered in the streets dispersed without further incident.

Nick Harris, senior officer with the town's Council for Racial Equality, said that the Asian teenager collapsed in the street, bleeding, on Wednesday night and that the youngster's grandfather saw a car containing five whites drive off.

Harris said that it appeared the boy had been hit in the neck, and that no firearm was involved. The incident occurred near where a gang of 60 white youths earlier this month went on a rampage, attacking non-whites and their property.

"Tensions were running pretty high (Wednesday night) and a lot of people were on the street," Harris said.

Police said in a statement that the death of the teenager, who was not identified, was being investigated.

Oldham and other towns in the area have large populations of non-whites, including many Muslim Asians.

Racial tension in the area was heightened earlier this year after thousands of Muslim's gathered in nearby Bradford and burned copies of Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses," charging

## Police investigating Killed by turnip

LONDON, July 28, (AP): Police said Wednesday they were investigating the death of a man who was fatally injured by a turnip thrown from a passing car in London's East End.

They said the attack was probably carried out by a gang who toss vegetables at random at passers-by. Another man suffered stomach injuries in April after being hit by a cabbage, police said.

Scotland Yard, the police headquarters, said Leslie Merry, 56, died Sunday, nine days after he was hit in the back by a turnip which knocked him to the ground as he walked near his home. He had a broken rib and ruptured spleen and died from respiratory problems.

"It sounds very amusing but clearly it is not because a man has died and we are treating this very seriously indeed," the Yard said.

that it blasphemed their religion. Their protest was part of demonstrations against the book in Muslim countries around the world.

Rushdie, an Indian native and naturalised British citizen based in London, has been in hiding since Feb 14 when Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini called for Muslims to kill him.

## Trading places 75,000 homeless in London

LONDON, July 28, (AP): Behind the political trauma of this week's cabinet shuffle by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher lies a house-swapping drama on a grand scale.

In being bumped from his post as foreign secretary to deputy prime minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe lost both his magnificent London residence and his weekend retreat, a 115-room country mansion.

Fit for a king—indeed, once owned by Prince Charles—the £5 million (\$8 million) Chevening House, its gardens, maze and 3,500 acres (1,416 hectares) now make up the country retreat of the new Foreign Secretary, John Major.

But Howe, a seasoned international negotiator, bargained with Thatcher to soften the blow and came away with a consolation prize—the country house allocated to the treasury chief, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

Howe's new post carries on official accommodation and is widely seen as a demotion.

Lawson yielded the country home, Dorneywood, apparently reluctantly after reportedly hearing of the decision when Howe mentioned it on a morning radio programme.

He is staying with his wife and two children for a summer holiday at the £4million (\$6.5 million) red-brick residence northwest of London where the amenities include a heated pool, squash courts and billiard rooms.

Opposition Labour Party lawmakers called the mansion-swapping exercise an embarrassment.

"With millions of homeless without money sleeping in cardboard boxes, to witness cabinet ministers squabbling over the possession of luxury homes is disgraceful," sniffed Max Madden.

It was not clear as the dust settled where Lawson would stay in coming weekends, although he retains his No. 11 Downing Street home, next door to Thatcher at No. 10. He also owns a £250,000 (\$400,000) former vicarage in Leicestershire.

Howe, who flew to France on vacation, is homeless for the summer. He has only a small apartment in a less-than-trendy area to his name.

Major, who grew up in a two-room apartment, also receives Howe's London house on historic Carlton House Terrace.

Sir Roy Strong, a trustee of Chevening and former director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, said both Howe and his wife, Elspeth, were sure to miss the mansion, designed by 17th century master Architect Inigo Jones.

Flanked by two wings and fronted by a palladian facade, the house in southeast England was left to Britain 20 years ago by a great landed family, the Stanhopes. It was originally to have been Prince Charles', but the heir to the throne gave it back to the state in 1980.

"The Howes used it a great deal," Strong told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "They did a lot of entertaining at the weekend, they held family Christmas there. I'm sure they're absolutely desolated that they're going."

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## US drug probe led to Cuban execution

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): A US customs investigation — not a newfound Cuban determination to stop drug trafficking — led that country to bring charges that led to the execution of four officials, says customs commissioner William von Raab.

The investigation, code-named Operation Greyhound, discovered that then-Interior Minister Jose Abrantes Fernandez, who oversaw the border guards, among other duties, had directed elite Cuban forces to oversee drug transfers on Cuban territory. Von Raab told a Senate panel on Wednesday.

Abrantes was fired June 29 in the midst of the trial of the four officials, including a hero of the Cuban revolution, Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, that resulted in their execution two weeks ago. No charges have been brought against Abrantes, a State Department official said.

"Secret"

Von Raab told the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on terrorism, narcotics and international operations that he thinks Operation Greyhound, begun in February, was probably what pushed the prosecution of Ochoa and three colleagues.

The commissioner, who was reading a document marked "secret" at the start of the hearing, told reporters later that the Cubans found out about Operation Greyhound either through an escaped prisoner or "maybe the State Department told them about us."

Melvin Levitsky, the assistant secretary of state for international narcotics matters, dismissed the latter allegation as "nonsense."

Customs spokesman Dick Weart said a man named Gustavo Fernandez had been in customs custody but escaped June 12, and the incident is under investigation by the service's internal affairs bureau.

Von Raab said customs' confidential informant, whom he identified only as the owner of an offshore racing team, said Abrantes was providing the special troops to help with drug smuggling.

"Minister Abrantes has provided security for transshipment of drugs into the United States," Von Raab told the Senate panel. Operation Greyhound began in February, he said.

It was not clear if he had been receiving money personally for the services or had been acting as Castro's orders, he said.

Cuban President Fidel Castro "is just another piece of narcotics floating in the Caribbean," he said. "He is looking to the United States for a life preserver" by requesting co-operation in the drug war. "I suggest we throw him an anchor."

During the hearing, several senators expressed concern about Castro's overtures, with Sen. Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican, saying that if State Department officials are taken in by Castro's pleas for co-operation, "they're even bigger suckers than I think they are."

Sen. Robert Graham, a Florida Democrat, said he wants the United States to undertake a series of actions "similar to those in the 1960s." During the Cuban missile crisis, the United States imposed a blockade of the island until the Soviet Union agreed to pull out missiles it had installed there and promised not to install new ones.

But the administration officials, including Levitsky and Michael Kozak, the Assistant Secretary of State who heads the inter-American affairs bureau, assured the panel that they also were skeptical about the prospects for real co-operation.

**Warned**

Castro has warned his countrymen that the United States wants to exploit setbacks in the socialist world and may emulate Nazi Germany's bid to establish a "1,000-year" colonial empire.

Castro stood in a light rain for almost two hours in Carnegie, Cuba, giving a speech on Wednesday night on the 36th anniversary of the armed attack that signalled the beginning of the guerrilla war that eventually ousted Cuba's dictatorship in 1959.

Castro warned that the United States might try to invade and occupy Cuba, defeat the Caribbean island nation in a war of attrition or impose a total blockade against it.

When Castro said US President George Bush has a "triumphal" attitude toward the political and economic problems of socialist countries, the chief US diplomat in Cuba, Jay Taylor, walked out.

If socialism disappears, Castro contended, the "imperialist powers" would divide up the world just as they did "in the worst of times" before the 1917 Russian revolution.

# Korean jet crashes in fog near Tripoli

## Ill-fated DC-10 ploughs into Libyan homes

ROME, July 28, (Agencies): A Korean Air DC-10 jetliner crashed, split into three and went up in flames in an olive grove short of the fog-bound airport in Tripoli, Libya, yesterday.

Most of the 199 people aboard the flight, which originated in Seoul, were South Koreans returning from vacation to their jobs on engineering and construction projects in Libya, Korean officials said.

It was the second crash of a DC-10 in eight days.

"There is no exact number of dead...because the bodies became charcoal," said the first secretary at the South Korean embassy in Tripoli, who identified himself only as Mr. Chun, speaking by telephone about 10 1-2 hours after the early morning crash.



Workers look through the rubble of the crashed South Korean airliner at Tripoli airport. (Inset) undated photo of Korean Air DC-10 which is similar to the one that crashed. (Reuters wirephoto)



Distraught relatives of the passengers believed killed in the crash are restrained by police as they try to enter Seoul airport to talk to South Korean Airline officials. (Reuters wirephoto)



Rescue workers remove one of the victims from the debris of the airliner. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'These were more than accidents'

### Sabotage of jets investigated

LONG BEACH, California, July 28, (AP): The sabotage of four commercial jetliners awaiting pre-flight testing is under investigation, say McDonnell Douglas officials.

In all, inspectors at Douglas Aircraft Co. have discovered 15 acts of sabotage since late last week, said company spokesman Dave Eastman. "We haven't discovered any more problems yet," he said Wednesday.

The sabotage included severed tail hydraulic lines, nose wheel steering cables and wheel well brake system wires on its mid-size MD-80 aircraft, said company spokesman Don Hanson.

"We have to face the fact that these were more than accidents. Much as it makes your blood boil to consider

it (sabotage), you have to consider it," Hanson said. Eastman said Wednesday that earlier reports that front windshields of the jetliners had been smashed were incorrect. Actually only two windshields had been scratched, he said.

The four jets were parked on a testing ramp at the southwestern edge of Douglas property that abuts Long Beach airport.

Douglas has stepped up security on its west flight ramp, where every system of each MD-80 is tested before it is flown, Hanson said. The firm also launched an internal investigation.

The company did not contact federal or local law enforcement agencies about the incidents, Hanson said.

The Defence Department isn't saying what its role should be to fight drugs overseas, an idea promoted by President George Bush before his election. During his campaign he called for an "international strike force to hit back, quick and hard and often at foreign drug operations" to stop cocaine at its source.

But programmes run by the State Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration have all but ceased in Peru and Bolivia, where the majority of the world's coca grows along the slopes of the Andes

The South Korean plane skidded along the ground like what a witness described as "a bulldozer that pushed everything in front of it."

Death tolls issued by KAL and Tripoli embassy officials have swung wildly from hour to hour.

Distraught relatives frustrated at incomplete casualty reports from the crash kicked and punched riot police blocking their way to Seoul's main airport where they planned a sit-in today.

Witnesses said about 100 weeping relatives marched peacefully for two hours from a designated KAL emergency centre to Kimpo International Airport four km (2.5 miles) away, but lashed out violently when police stopped them entering airport grounds.

"Is it true that my husband has died?" one woman wailed at police, who came out in full riot gear to stop the protest.

"You have no right to block us," another yelled as the police surrounded the marchers on the street.

A massive traffic jam ensued outside Kimpo as relatives, demanding KAL fly them to Tripoli to help identify the dead, sat down at an intersection and refused to move.

Meanwhile, South Korean diplomats said Libyan medical teams saved the lives of many injured survivors.

"Most of them (the survivors) are in good condition because of the actions of Libyan medical teams and the intensive care," a spokesman at the South Korean embassy in Tripoli told Reuters.

He said three people were in a critical condition, another 27 were hospitalized but the remaining 98 people on the flight were "safe and well."

"One of those in a critical condition is a South Korean girl, aged three years. She is very ill. The others are two men," the spokesman said.

The crash "happened at 7:05 am (0505 GMT)," Chun said. "There was very heavy fog and many clouds. We don't know if the pilot made an error or if the tower made an error."

"There was no mechanical problem, no bomb explosion," Chun said.

"The captain is conscious. He thinks he did not do anything wrong," said Chun.

Korean Air said today the crash was not the pilot's fault, although airport officials in Tripoli have not ruled out pilot error.

"Each side is trying to say they are not wholly responsible for the accident," said an aviation expert at the Transportation Ministry, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Airline officials said today they had ruled out the possibility that human error or mechanical malfunction could have caused yesterday's accident.

Reports from Tripoli said the KAL DC-10 probably made a mistake trying to land in reduced visibility. News reports, quoting Tripoli airport officials, said the plane ignored the control tower's fog warning and tried to land.

Jana in Rome said the airport control tower had told the Korean Air pilot that there was heavy fog and only 800-foot (240-metre) visibility. It said a Soviet Aeroflot airliner, informed of similar conditions about an hour earlier, decided to land in Malta instead of Tripoli. An Aeroflot spokesman in Valletta, Malta, said the plane was supposed to have made a refuelling stop in Tripoli.

Korean Air Flight 803 had made stops in Bangkok, Thailand and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, en route to Tripoli, the airline said.

Italian television broadcast footage, made by Libyan state television, of the crash site which showed the tail of the plane protruding from the ruins of a house. Rescue workers were filmed carrying bodies covered with white sheets and firemen were shown housing down the smoldering wreckage.

Another South Korean diplomat in Tripoli, Chang Kyung-Soo, told the state Korean Broadcasting System that the wreckage burned for more than two hours. He said the plane cartwheeled for about 400 metres (yards) before breaking into pieces.

On July 19, a United Airlines DC-10 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, killing 111 people, after the tail engine blew apart and cut off the flow of hydraulic fluid needed to steer the plane.



Captain in hospital

The captain of the airliner lies in a hospital in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Copter crash kills 12

SEOUL, July 28, (AP): A commercial helicopter developed engine trouble and crashed into the East Sea yesterday, killing 12 of the 20 people on board, the state-run television reported. Another two were missing.

The helicopter belonged to a ferry service that started operations on Wednesday.

Korean Broadcasting System said all three crew members and three passengers were rescued and two passengers were missing. The bodies of the 12 dead were recovered from the Sikorsky S-58T helicopter, which was towed by boat to Ullung island off the southeast coast, KBS said.

There were no foreigners aboard, it said. KBS had said earlier that 19 people were aboard the helicopter. It was learned later there was one more passenger.

## Ground DC-10s fleet: IAPA

### Crash focuses design flaws

DALLAS, July 28, (UPI): The International Airline Passengers Association urged the US government yesterday to ground America's fleet of DC-10s, arguing the crash of United Airlines Flight 232 focused attention on the jet's design flaws.

In a letter to Federal Aviation Administration chief James Busey, James E. Dunne II, chairman of the world-wide organization, said his group has been campaigning for design modifications on the plane since the May 25, 1979, crash of an American Airlines DC-10 that lost one of its three engines during takeoff at Chicago. The accident, which killed 273 people, was the worst air disaster in US history.

But, Dunne said nothing significant has been done to correct the problems since then. United's Flight 232 crashed on July 19 at Sioux City, Iowa, killing more than 100 people.

In another accident involving a DC-10, a Korean Airlines plane crashed yesterday in the Libyan capital of Tripoli while trying to land in heavy fog, killing at least 78 of the 199 passengers and crew and four people on the ground. The cause of that accident was not known.

In a statement at FAA headquarters in Washington last night, the agency said: "The investigation of the DC-10 accident in Sioux City has not to date revealed any kind of design or structural flaw that would

support any action at this time.

"Moreover, at this point, we have absolutely no information about the circumstances of DC-10 accident in Tripoli that would suggest a common link with the accident at Sioux City."

In Long Beach, California, McDonnell Douglas officials also said, "presently there is no indication that the circumstances of the Tripoli and Sioux City accidents are related, nor that they relate to previous DC-10 accidents."

"DC-10s make nearly 1,000 flights daily," the plane's manufacturer said. "The DC-10 fleet has flown more than seven billion miles since July 1971 and carried more than 745 million passengers."

But Dunne of the airline passengers group said the government and industry together "wasted a precious and unique opportunity" to prevent future accidents involving DC-10s.

Dunne said that in the 1979 incident, the DC-10 fleet was grounded only after the IAPA took the matter to court. Even after the grounding, Dunne said, the FAA failed to act on IAPA's specific recommendation that the various parallel hydraulic and electrical systems in the DC-10 be sufficiently separated from one another so that in the event of accidental damage to one system, the backup systems would not be affected by the same damage.

## DC-10 loses nose wheel

### Airliner lands safely

TORONTO, July 28, (AP): A Canadian Airlines DC-10 with 254 people aboard lost a nose wheel after it left Rio de Janeiro but landed safely today at Pearson international airport in Toronto, airport officials said.

Airport spokesman Bruce Reid said the flight crew was aware of the problem, and the aircraft circled the control tower to confirm the wheel was missing. Fire crews and ambulances rushed to the scene before the pilot was given permission to land at 7:30 am (1130 GMT) said Reid.

He said one of the two wheels in the jet's left front section was missing. He did not explain how it was lost. No one was injured in the landing.

In the past nine days, two DC-10s have crashed, one in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19 and the other Thursday in Tripoli, Libya. The crashes have killed 200 people.

Last night, a United Airlines DC-10 with 240 people on board experienced hydraulic problems but landed safely at Los Angeles international airport, aviation officials said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pressure loss

LIMA, July 28, (UPI): An Air Panama Boeing 727 with 130 people aboard returned to Lima Wednesday after suffering a loss of cabin pressure at 32,000 feet (9,750 m), aeronautics officials said.

The plane was en route from Lima to Guayaquil, Ecuador when it suffered an unexpected loss of pressure over the Peruvian city of Pucallpa, 310 miles (500 km) north of Lima, the officials said.

The loss of cabin air pressure forced the pilot to descend to 12,000 feet (3,660 m) and return to Lima along the Pacific Coast to avoid the high Andes Mountains.

There were 123 passengers and seven crew aboard, the aeronautics officials said.

### Captain dies

FLOREE, Norway, July 28, (AP): The captain died from shock and all 76 others aboard abandoned a Norwegian passenger ship that ran aground in a western Norway fjord early yesterday, police said.

The coastal cruise ship Rygerfjord was laden with tourists, many of them elderly, and was bound for North Cape from Bergen when it hit rocks, injuring four passengers. Two were hospitalized, said Floree police superintendent Knut Even Isaksen.

The death of captain Odd Leif Anker Pedersen, 69, was brought on by the shock of the accident, although the exact cause had not been determined, Isaksen said by telephone.

### Air Force restricts

LONDON, July 28, (AP): The Royal Air Force has restricted flights of its 32 Chinook helicopters and launched an investigation into two crashes of the twin-rotor aircraft this week, the Air Force said yesterday.

A spokesman said the crashes Monday and Tuesday resulted in only minor injuries to men on board but as a precaution, few, if any, flights of Chinooks would take place for now.

"The RAF is very concerned to determine what caused these two accidents and is investigating both as a matter of urgency," said the spokesman, who refused to be named.

### Port evacuated

AMSTERDAM, July 28, (Reuters): Part of Rotterdam Port, the world's biggest, was evacuated and road and shipping traffic was halted for several hours after fire in a container released deadly chlorine gas, police said today.

Spokesman Hans Den Breejen said about 700 people from ships and houses in the Waalhaven dock area near the centre of the port were evacuated last night after the blaze was discovered in a container of calcium hypochlorite powder.

Nine people were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of chlorine gas but were later released, he said by telephone from Rotterdam.

### Package explosion

MARSEILLES, France, July 28, (UPI): A package exploded in a postal sorting centre in downtown Marseille yesterday, killing one postal worker and injuring two others, police said.

Police said the explosion took place at 7:40 am (0540 GMT) while a sack of foreign mail was being sorted on a table on the fifth floor of the postal centre on Godard Street.

A postal worker standing near the table was killed and two others were injured, authorities said.

Police immediately evacuated the building and blocked off nearby streets while they investigated the nature of the explosion.

### Soviet submarines

MOSCOW, July 28, (Reuters): The Soviet Union has lost three nuclear submarines in serious accidents in the last 25 years and a fourth sank but was raised with "minimal consequences," the head of the Soviet Navy said today.

Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, speaking after three apparent mishaps involving Soviet nuclear submarines off Norway in the last four months, said problems with submarines revealed shortcomings in Moscow's naval forces.

"There are difficult problems and shortcomings. One such problem is guaranteeing the safety of navigation, first of all of submarines," Chernavin told the Soviet news agency Tass in an interview.

### Return home

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 28, (AP): Canadians began returning home yesterday to salvage what remained from fires that destroyed 3.7 million (1.5 million hectares) of forest in three central provinces. Some roadblocks in Manitoba were lifted, and a group from the Cross Lake Indian reserve returned to their homes a few hours later, said spokesman John Paupanekis.

The 3,600 residents of the community had spent the week since they were evacuated either camped out in tents or in makeshift dormitories in the mining city of Thompson, about 125 miles (200 kilometres) to the north of the reserve.

### Helicopter crash

MOSCOW, July 28, (KUNA): Five people were killed in a helicopter crash in the suburbs of the Soviet Sochi City on the Black Sea.

According to press reports here today the incident occurred yesterday in the mountainous area, 40 kilometres away from Sochi City.

Five persons in addition to three crew members were on board the chopper at the time of the incident, the press report added.

### Holograms stolen

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28, (UPI): Three holograms of Russian artefacts on loan from the Soviet Union were stolen from an exhibit at Pier 45 at Fisherman's Wharf, an exhibit employee said Wednesday.

The three-dimensional realistic looking holograms, 11 by 14 laser photographs in glass, were part of an exhibit called "Images in time and space," according to Bob de Cesare.



## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## US concerned

PARIS, July 28, (AP): Western allies are working harder to protect sensitive technology, but illegal transfers to the Soviet Union have not diminished, a senior US official said yesterday.

"We have evidence that (transfers) continue unabated... and may have even increased," said Allan Wendt, in charge of State Department strategic technology policy.

"That troubles us immensely," he said, "that is a very real problem."

Wendt met with reporters on what he called a routine trip to consult some partners in the 17-member Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), based in Paris.

## Stiff penalties

WASHINGTON, July 28, (Reuters): US lawmakers introduced a bill in the Senate on Wednesday that would penalise companies or countries that export advanced ballistic missile technology to Third World countries.

The bill calls on President George Bush to prohibit imports, deny export licences and cut off US assistance to companies or countries which export such technologies to developing countries deemed potentially hostile to the United States or its allies.

The missile and proliferation control act aims to strengthen the missile technology control regime agreed to in 1987 by the United States, its European allies and Japan.

## Committee meets

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 28, (AP): Leaders of Hungary's ruling Communist Party met today to plan a fall Congress at which members will prepare for competitive elections.

Meanwhile, efforts to negotiate with the opposition to set a timetable and framework for the elections, which would be the first free nationwide ballot in Hungary since 1947 — encountered setbacks yesterday, the state news agency MTI said.

MTI said the central committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party convened at 9 am (0700 GMT). Three days earlier, party General Secretary Karoly Grosz and Party chairman Reszko Nyers, two of the four men who share leadership of the party until the October congress, held talks in Moscow on Hungary's future.

## Wallenberg day

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): President George Bush signed a resolution yesterday designating Oct 5 as Raoul Wallenberg recognition day.

Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat in Hungary during World War II who is credited with rescuing thousands of Jews from Nazi roundups by issuing them fictitious Swedish credentials.

He disappeared and was believed to have been taken prisoner by the Soviets and sent to a prison camp. Many of his admirers question Soviet claims that he subsequently died of natural causes during his incarceration.

Bush visited a statue to Wallenberg in Budapest on July 13 on the final stop of his visit to Hungary.

## Best part

WASHINGTON, July 28, (Reuters): President George Bush, who has visited 12 foreign countries in his first six months in office, says dealing with international issues is the best part of being president.

"I think we're living in such fascinating times internationally that I like that best — I like that part of the job best," he said in an interview with a US news service made available on Wednesday.

"I like dealing with world leaders... I think I get exhilarated by that from time to time, perhaps more than in arguing over domestic legislation," he said.

## Vote of confidence

ROME, July 28, (UPI): Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti won a vote of confidence in his new government from the Senate yesterday, no doubt cheered by a cordial message from President Bush received shortly before the vote.

The five parties of Andreotti's coalition voted solidly together in the open roll-call vote to give the 70-year-old Christian Democrat victory by 187 votes to 117 with one abstention.

Italy's 49th government since World War II has swept over its first hurdle in a parliament happy that Andreotti ended a nine-week political crisis in time to permit the impending August vacations.

## Moscow to publish

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 28, (AP): A Swiss newspaper reported yesterday that Soviet lawmakers will recommend voiding secret World War II-era Soviet-German accords that placed the Baltic states under Soviet control.

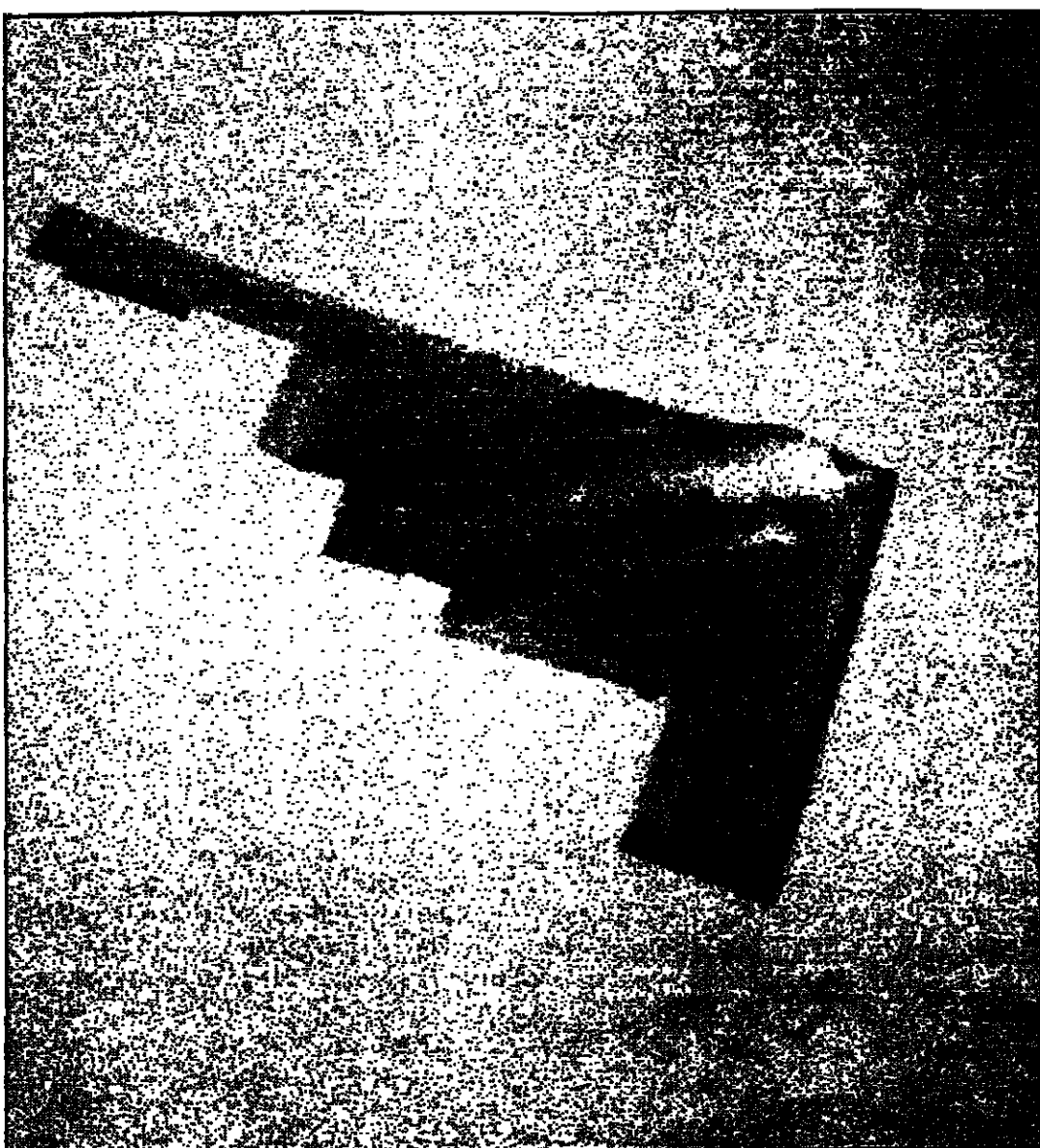
The Moscow correspondent of the Zurich newspaper Tages-Anzeiger said a 25-member commission that included the former Soviet ambassador to Bonn, Valentin Falin, has recommended that the secret protocols as well as the 1939 Non-Aggression Pact and a subsequent "Boundary and Friendship Treaty" be declared null and void by the Soviet People's Congress.

The Swiss newspaper said the protocols would be made public next week, along with the call for their nullification.

## Police trying

ROME, July 28, (AP): Police tried yesterday to determine the identity of a woman who slipped into a coma aboard an airliner after one of 82 capsules of heroin she had swallowed burst in her intestine.

The woman was hospitalised on Saturday after she arrived at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport on a Philippine Airlines flight from Karachi, Pakistan. Doctors removed 82 capsules from her intestine, each containing about 30-60 grams of heroin, police said, speaking on condition of anonymity.



## Criminal investigation

The Defence Department said Wednesday it is helping in a criminal investigation of Northrop Corp. for possible fraud developing the controversial \$70.2 billion B-2 Stealth bomber programme.

While future funding for the boomerang-shaped bomber was being debated in Congress, the Pentagon issued a statement confirming the investigation first reported by the Washington Post and declaring that possible fraud at Northrop would not harm the aircraft itself.

"Practices in the two cases under investigation would not affect the integrity of the B-2 aircraft," the statement said. "Without providing any details, the Defence Department said, 'since the allegations first came to light, Northrop has

completely reorganised the division responsible for the B-2."

It added that Defence Secretary Dick Cheney and Deputy Defence Secretary Donald Atwood "are satisfied that Northrop has made changes that significantly strengthen the company's management."

Northrop is building the Stealth bomber at its Palmdale, California, assembly plant. The Air Force estimates the fleet of 132 bombers will cost \$70.2 billion — or about \$530 million per plane, making it history's most expensive airplane.

Picture shows the B-2 Stealth bomber photographed during its first flight July 17. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Poland's Communist Party meets

## 'Chart future course'

WARSAW, Poland, July 28, (AP): President Wojciech Jaruzelski challenged his fellow communists today to decide what their party stands for in a Poland that has thrown its allegiance to the Solidarity-led opposition.

Also today, politburo member Wladyslaw Baka, a critic of outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski and considered a candidate for the post, gave up his duties as party leader in charge of the economy. There was no immediate explanation.

Jaruzelski, the party chief, opened the first meeting of the central committee since election losses to Solidarity. The session was expected to result in a new leader for the first time in eight years.

The scheduled two-day meeting comes a month after the opposition movement captured 260 out of 261 seats it contested in the parliamentary elections. The communists and their allies maintained small legislative majorities under an election plan worked out in talks this year that led to Solidarity regaining its legal status.

Jaruzelski, who opened the meeting by thanking the party for helping to elect him President July 19, was expected during the plenum to resign from the party leadership in order to devote himself to the new office.

He told the meeting it would be "one of the most important" plenums since the last party congress in 1986, the state's PAP news service reported.

Jaruzelski challenged the plenum to decide what the party stood for, what it should fight for and what it should do to regain



Jaruzelski

social support.

The party also heard reports assessing the election results by politburo member Janusz Reykowski; on the problems and future of the party by politburo member Marian Orzechowski; and on the nation's poor economic situation by Baka, state radio said.

PAP said Reykowski expressed hope that the elections will have a curative effect on the party and spur it to change its ways of functioning "as soon as possible."

Orzechowski was quoted as saying: "Most of society has had enough of the party as it has been. Secondly, a significant part of the party grass roots has had enough of the style and ways of functioning of the party leader-

ship."

The agency said Baka criticised the economic policy of the government as lacking "stubbornness and consistency."

Going into today's meeting, some party members said the 230-member central committee may call for a party congress, the first in three years, to consider dissolving the 2-million-member party and forming new groupings on the left.

The party also was expected to be consulted on Jaruzelski's choice to succeed Rakowski, who has submitted his resignation as premier but is believed interested in succeeding Jaruzelski as first secretary.

Yesterday, one unidentified regional official quoted by state radio said the possible party congress "should be the last congress in the history of the party. I think that new parties should be created where everyone would be able to find a place for himself."

Splitting the party into a social democratic party and a more orthodox communist party appeared to be favoured by Jaruzelski. But Rakowski has opposed such division.

Rakowski argues that a united Communist Party should protect living standards and win support by appealing to economic issues.

Jaruzelski, 66, was appointed party first secretary in October 1981 and ordered martial law two months later to crush Solidarity. But this year, in an effort to pull the nation out of its economic crisis, he urged party leaders to legalise the trade union and ushered in Poland's first free elections in more than four decades.

## 'Disband Contras'

UNITED NATIONS, July 28, (AP): The United States joined other Security Council members for the first time yesterday in calling for the disbanding of the Contra rebels as part of the Central American peace process.

The US policy shift was balanced by the resolution's appeal for all nations to halt military aid to guerrillas in the region.

"We call upon the governments of Nicaragua and Cuba to cease their nine-year supply of weapons, ammunition, safe haven and other lethal assistance to the FMLN insurgents in El Salvador," said US ambassador Herbert S. Okun.

The FMLN is the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the Marxist rebels fighting to overthrow El Salvador's conservative government.

Okun said the United States joined in the vote to show support for the Central American peace plan.

## Sanctions fail

## Noriega doing fine

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): US economic sanctions against Panama are so riddled with exceptions and loopholes that they have failed to put decisive pressure on their intended target, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, congressional critics of the policy said Wednesday.

The administration opponents pointed to a study by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigating arm, that found the sanctions policy poorly planned, relatively unenforced and porous enough to let millions of dollars continued to flow to Noriega's government.

"There can be no doubt that our policy has been counterproductive," said Congressman Sam Gejdenson, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Economic Policy Subcommittee.

Because of fear of harming US businesses still operating in Panama, the administrations of former President Ronald Reagan and President George Bush have granted numerous exceptions to rules intended to bar payments to Noriega's government, he said. The aim was to protect business while forcing the nation's defence forces chief from power.

"Since the administration was not fully committed to either goal, we have failed to accomplish either one," Gejdenson said. "We still have Noriega, and we have severely damaged both US and Panamanian businesses and the economy of Panama."

But Republicans on the subcommittee objected, saying any talk of ending the sanctions would only strengthen Noriega. And they said the sanctions have had some effect, denying the Panamanian government some \$125 million in revenues last year, according to the GAO report.

On Republican, Dan Burton of Indiana, dismissed the entire hearing as "a Bush-bashing expedition by this committee."

## House approves defence bill

## Bush's budget dealt severe blow

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): The House has approved a \$295 billion defence bill that suspends most production of the experimental Stealth bomber, cuts money for the space-based missile defence system and eliminates \$100 million for the Midgetman missile.

By a vote of 261-162, the House adopted a bill late yesterday that dealt a severe blow to the US Defence Department budget proposed by President George Bush's administration.

While cutting administration-backed programmes, the bill includes money for the Navy's F-14D jet fighter and the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey vertical takeoff assault transport — two programmes Bush planned to scrap.

The Senate, the other legislative chamber in the US Congress, narrowly turned back an

amendment that could have opened the door to deep cuts in the budget for the space defence system that has been dubbed "Star Wars." The vote was 50-47 to table, and thus set aside, the amendment.

The measure sponsored by Sen Bennett Johnston, a Democrat, would have frozen \$3.62 billion of the US Defence Department's allocation for Star Wars, adding only enough to cover 3.2 per cent inflation.

The freeze would not have affected the \$2.6 billion earmarked for the Department of Energy in Bush's overall spending plan of \$4.9 billion for Star Wars in the new fiscal year.

The Senate is expected to finish work on its version of a military spending bill next week.

After that, representatives from the House and Senate will meet in a conference committee to try to forge a compromise defence

spending plan. The meeting will take place after the legislators' August recess.

In the House, the final cut in the Bush defence budget was the \$100 million the administration requested for the Midgetman.

By a vote of 176-90, the House approved the move eliminating all the money requested for the single-warhead Midgetman missile.

But the House slashed \$1.8 billion from the president's request for a total of \$4.9 billion for Star Wars, officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Earlier in the day, the House approved a non-binding resolution calling on Bush to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union on a ban on production of plutonium and enriched uranium, materials used in making nuclear weapons.

## Russian strikers return to work

TALLINN, USSR, July 28, (AP): Striking Russian workers went back to their jobs at dawn today after the Estonian republic's government agreed to form a commission to investigate their complaints of discrimination, the official news media reported.

Representatives of strikers at 30 factories and businesses in the Estonian capital met late last night with Estonian President Arnold Rytel who agreed to form the commission, said Hary Tido, a correspondent for Estonian Radio. The ethnic Russian workers have complained that the republic's Estonian majority is trying to deny them voting rights.

There were conflicting reports about whether the strike had ended. The official media in the republic reported today that the walkout had ended and that workers returned to their jobs at dawn. But Mark R. Shendukhov, a strike committee spokesman, said in an interview: "The strike isn't over. It has started again." His comments could not be immediately confirmed.

The workers went on strike to protest what they claim are discriminatory laws recently passed on preserving the Estonian language and limiting voting rights of immigrants. Russian speakers make up a third of the Baltic republic's 1.6 million population.

The laws make Estonian the official language of the republic and require two years residency to vote and at least five years residency to run for office.

In Moscow, meanwhile, the country's national legislature yesterday gave the three Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania their biggest victory yet in a struggle for political and economic autonomy.

The Supreme Soviet approved the first of three necessary readings of two resolutions that would give the republics economic independence by Jan 1 and free them to trade with other Soviet republics.

The Baltics have complained for years that Moscow ministries exploited the once-independent republics, taking away their natural resources and giving little back.

Commentator Sergei Medvedev said on state television after the vote that the decision was unprecedented. "There hasn't been anything like it in our whole history. It will serve to strengthen the politics and economy of both the republics and the entire union," he said.

The legislature debated the issue for two days before approving the two resolutions by what the official Tass news agency said was an overwhelming majority of the 412 deputies present.

Soviet authorities have granted permission to 1,556 people who had previously been unable to leave the country, but withheld exit visas from 299 other "refuseniks" because they knew state secrets or had other problems, a government official said yesterday.

Rudolf Kuznetsov, head of the visa office, said at a news conference that the Soviet Union had pledged at a human rights conference in Vienna six months ago to permit 1,855 applications for exit permits previously rejected by authorities.

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## 36 aircraft destroyed

An aerial view released by the Soviet news agency Tass today, shows the remains of unidentified long-range aircraft capable of carrying nuclear missiles at an un-named airbase. So far 36 of these have been destroyed under a treaty which allows for eventual elimination of such aircraft. (Reuters wirephoto)

## FBI probe goes on

## Soviets paid: Bloch

PARIS, July 28, (Reuters): A US diplomat suspected of spying for Moscow never had any links with the Soviet Union, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in Paris today.

But the New York Times, quoting an unnamed US official close to the case, said Felix Bloch, 54, had admitted working for the Soviet Union for many years and being paid "a lot of money" for doing so.

Shevardnadze, arriving in Paris for an international conference on Cambodia, told reporters Bloch "never had any relations with us, no relations which could arouse any suspicions whatsoever."

Bloch, formerly the number two at the US Embassy in Vienna, is on paid leave from the State Department but has not been arrested or charged with any crime, and the New York Times said other officials had said they were unaware that he had admitted his guilt.

"We are truly astonished to see all this fuss... without there being any proof," said Shevardnadze. "You could pin anything on anyone this way."

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Vienna Police Chief Robert Danzinger told a news conference there a man believed to be Bloch's KGB contact had been uncovered before the case became public knowledge last month.

Danzinger said the suspect, whom he declined to name, had left Austria on June 11, six weeks before the Bloch affair became public knowledge.

He said information on the man, who had first arrived in Austria in 1979 and turned out to have been travelling on a forged Finnish passport, had come from Washington.

Austrian authorities had not discovered that the man had ever met Bloch in Vienna and as far as they were concerned that part of the investigation was closed.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky has said there is no evidence that any Austrians were involved in the case, but the FBI has asked Vienna police to interview a number of leading politicians in connection with it.

This has caused a sharp reaction in Vienna, especially as US Ambassador Henry Grunwald and his deputy are on vacation and the embassy declines to comment on the case in their absence.

Michael Graff, justice spokesman of the Conservative People's Party, partner in the ruling coalition with Vranitzky's Socialists, urged the government to reject the FBI call for probes on Austrian politicians.

Vienna newspapers, too, have reacted angrily, accusing the Americans of looking for evidence abroad for lack of it at home.

## Moscow to resume making SS-23, warns Yazov

LONDON, July 28, (Reuters): Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov renewed an arms control controversy with the United States today by warning that Moscow would resume producing a banned missile if NATO's short-range Lance rocket was upgraded.

Winding up a four-day visit to Britain, Yazov attacked US plans to produce a new longer-range missile to replace the ageing Lance, saying this would violate the two countries' 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty.

If the United States did manufacture it, he told

London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, the Soviet Union would restart production of the SS-23, a missile of which it is currently destroying all stocks as stipulated by the INF pact.

Referring to the SS-23 by its Russian name Oka, Yazov said: "If we eliminate this Oka, and then the Americans begin to build Lances with a range up to 500 km, we will be forced to again make this Oka."

The INF treaty banned all US and Soviet ground-launched nuclear missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 km (300 to 3,400 miles).

## Legislation to ban biological weapons

WASHINGTON, July 28, (AP): The US government, dropping the objections of its predecessor, is supporting proposed legislation to ban the production, stockpiling and export of biological weapons.

The measures being considered by both the House of Representatives and Senate are designed to prohibit the Justice Department to prosecute US citizens who develop, stockpile or export biological weapons to terrorists.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ferry collision

**DHAKA, July 28 (AP):** A ferry carrying 200 passengers collided head-on with a cattle boat on a southern Bangladesh river, police said today, and at least 50 people were feared drowned.

The collision occurred yesterday on the Pangshu river near the town of Bagerhat. The double-deck ferry, M.L. Prince, sank in at least 60 feet (20 metres) of water, police said.

The other boat, the M.V. Leo, was slightly damaged but did not sink, according to a police official in Bagerhat, 135 kms (85 miles) south of Dhaka.

## Ayodhya dispute

**NEW DELHI, July 28 (KUNA):** A three-member bench of the Allahabad High Court has been constituted to settle a dispute over a place of worship in Ayodhya in northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

This meets a long demand of the Muslims for the formation of the bench to decide whether a place of worship belongs to Muslims or Hindus. The Muslims say that a place of worship was a mosque, built by Emperor Babur in 1528, while Hindus claim that it was a birth place of Lord Rama.

## Callgirls passports

**KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (KUNA):** Foreign callgirls are using forged Malaysian and Singaporean passports to go through tough immigration checks in third countries, it was reported here today. The report quoted a Malaysian immigration department spokesman as saying that the callgirls are using this ruse as some countries are now suspicious of visiting single girls, especially those from countries known to be sex playgrounds.

## Malaysia selected

**KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (KUNA):** Malaysia's entry has been selected as one of the finalists in the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) ceasefire '89 campaign "appeal for peace" contest.

The film, depicting irreversible devastation from nuclear holocaust, was among 10 selected as finalists from 30 entries received from all over world, the IPPNW secretary Dr R.S. McCoy said.

## Nepal floods

**KATHMANDU, July 28 (AP):** Flash floods and landslides caused by the recent torrential rains in Nepal have claimed 29 lives, Nepalese Home Minister Nirajan Thapa told the national assembly today.

Reports reaching the Home Ministry said 225 houses were destroyed. Thapa said the damages so far totalled about \$1 million.

## Fire kills one

**RANGOON, July 28 (AP):** Fire swept through the northern Burmese city of Mandalay, killing one person, injuring many and leaving hundreds homeless, official sources said yesterday.

Some 9,500 people were left homeless by the fire, which raged from late Wednesday to early Thursday and destroyed 1,500 houses, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Those injured were not seriously hurt, the sources said.

## Four killed in riots

**AGARTALA, July 28 (Reuters):** Four people were killed and nine injured when police fired on a crowd of hungry tribesmen trying to loot a food warehouse in northwestern India's Tripura state, police said today.

Police said more than 400 tribesmen armed with machetes and sticks stormed the warehouse yesterday demanding rice. They turned violent when they discovered it was empty. "We exploded teargas shells and charged the mob with lathis (riot sticks), but had to fire when we could not control the situation," Tripura Police Director-General R.P. Sharma said.

## Music concert

**KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (KUNA):** Malaysia will host the first ever Islamic world traditional music concert here on Aug 19 and 20.

The concert is aimed at collecting funds to finance a made-for-television film series on the development of Islam throughout the world.

The film "Islam and the West" in six series, will be produced by the foundation of traditional studies based in Washington DC with the cooperation of the Maryland Public Television.

## Rail crash kills 11

**BANGKOK, July 28 (AP):** At least eleven people were killed and 60 others injured when a crowded passenger train ploughed into a second train in southern Thailand early yesterday, a spokeswoman for the state railway said.

A northbound diesel train slammed into the back of a train travelling from the southern town of Nakhon Sri Thammarat to the capital of Bangkok, said Prince Prasertan, an official of the state railway.

## Americans arrested

**TOKYO, July 28 (UPI):** A US Army soldier and a former American serviceman have been arrested on suspicion of smuggling narcotics and ammunition from the Philippines into Japan, the Kyodo News Service reported on Wednesday.

## Hashimoto's chances to be Japan's premier grow

**TOKYO, July 28 (AP):** A ruling party elder took himself out of the running for Japan's next prime minister today, strengthening the chance that an unusually young politician, Ryutaro Hashimoto, will reach the nation's highest office.

Hashimoto, 51, is secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party and in charge of the search for a replacement for Prime Minister Souda Souda.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Hashimoto said little about his own possible candidacy, but said the search for a party chief who will lead the nation has to be "as transparent as possible."

Uno said he would step down to take responsibility for Sunday's election defeat, in which his party lost control of the 252-member Upper House of Parliament for the first time in 34 years.

The LDP, whose president becomes prime minister because of its comfortable majority in the more

powerful Lower House, moved quickly to fill the void. The party which despite its name is conservative, formally decided today to choose a new leader Aug 8 in a vote by the party's members of parliament and seek his approval in parliament Aug 10.

Speculation centred on Hashimoto, whose stature has been gaining fast in the conservative party in the past two months, while Uno's leadership was cut short by a scandal over allegations he kept paid mistresses.

Today, former Deputy Prime Minister Shin Kanemaru, 75, who had been viewed as a rival to Hashimoto, said he had no intention of becoming prime minister.

Hashimoto's chances were further bolstered when former Finance Minister Kiuchi Miyazawa, who controls the third largest faction in the party, also said he preferred to have a "young and progres-

sive" person head the party and the government.

Hashimoto, the youngest secretary-general ever, said he would not comment about the candidacy because he is helping choose the next leader.

A party official, speaking anonymously, said "leaders seem to be trying to build consensus within the party over Hashimoto and I have not heard anyone express strong opposition so far."

But he said, some party elders insist it is "premature for the party to give power to such a young politician (as Hashimoto) in such a turbulent time."

For decades, Japan's prime ministers have been men in their middle 60s or older who reached the office after a steady apprenticeship through a succession of increasingly important cabinet and party posts. Hashimoto, in parliament since he was 26, has not helped top cabinet posts such as the finance portfolio, and he became party secretary-general,

the No.2 political post, only in June.

Hashimoto was the most active campaigner for last Sunday's election, making some 90 appearances during the 14-day campaign while Uno stayed in the background.

Uno was virtually hand-picked by former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita behind closed doors after Takeshita resigned to take responsibility for a widespread influence-peddling scandal.

Whoever becomes party leader and prime minister will finish out Uno's term, which expires in October, and then stand for re-election.

Meanwhile, officials of the Japan Socialist Party, which seeks a coalition with three small centrist parties against the ruling party, said it would ask them to support socialist chairwoman Takako Doi.

An opposition party official, speaking anonymously, said the negotiations for a common candidate "have to overcome many hurdles."



Ryutaro Hashimoto



Army personnel rescue passengers trapped in a train which capsized in a canal at Vadgaon, 140 kms from Bombay during a monsoon storm yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Heavy rains hit Asia

20,000 left homeless in Pakistan

**TOKYO, July 28 (AP):** Typhoon Judy swept across Japan today, killing one and leaving hundreds of thousands without electricity before moving on to flood-stricken southern Korea.

Haruki Mimori, a one-year-old boy, died after he was buried in a landslide that destroyed his home in Tarumizu City, Kagoshima, 985 kilometres (616 miles) southwest of Tokyo, said prefectural police spokesman Osamu Takano.

The mid-sized typhoon, the 11th to hit Japan this year, reached the southern island of Kyushu late yesterday and headed northwest at 25 kilometres (15 miles) per hour toward the Korean peninsula this afternoon, dumping heavy rains over the region, according to Japan's Central Meteorological Agency.

So far, the rainstorm has destroyed two homes, damaged nine and flooded 86, and caused 25 landslides and blocked roads at 38 locations in Kagoshima, Takano said.

The typhoon, packing winds of 126 kilometres (78 miles) per hour and 6 inches of rain, landed in the southwestern tip of the Korean peninsula about 9 pm (1200 GMT) and was moving

northwest at 24 kilometres (15 miles) per hour, weather officials said.

The typhoon, however, was expected to lose much of her power and weaken to a tropical storm as she continued a long westerly course along the peninsula's west coast, officials said.

Judy, the first typhoon to hit South Korea this year, dumped up to four inches (10 centimetres) of rain in southern provinces reeling from five days of floods spawned by seasonal rain, the officials said.

Torrential rains also lashed central Taiwan yesterday, triggering the worst flood to hit the city of Taichung in 30 years, local newspaper said.

According to police reports, floods left eight people dead and one missing. Police rescued thousands of people as hundreds of houses were inundated throughout the island.

Floodwaters as high as five metres (16.5 feet) smashed houses, bridges and inundated rice paddies in several villages, officials said.

They estimated property damage at about 100 million Taiwan dollars (\$3.8 million). Two typhoons, Gordon and

Hope, swept across East Asia last week. Gordon began in the Philippines where it killed 26 people and left 17 dead in China's Guangdong and Guangxi provinces and one dead in Hong Kong. Hope killed at least 36 people in China's Fujian province.

In southern Pakistan, torrential monsoon rains during the past four days have claimed at least 31 lives and left 20,000 people homeless, authorities said yesterday.

They said the heavy rains battered Sindh province, felling power lines and collapsing mud homes in slum areas and villages.

Worst hit were Karachi, Hyderabad and villages throughout Sindh. President Ghulam Ishaq Khan announced the launching of a massive relief programme but gave no details.

Also, a storm warning was issued for ships within a 200-mile (320 kilometre) radius of coast of Pakistan, officials said.

The Karachi-based Dawn newspaper said monsoon rains have caused extensive flight delays, leaving Karachi International Airport swarming with stranded passengers.

## Suu in detention on hunger strike

**BANGKOK, July 28 (Reuters):** The opposition leader in Burma (Myanmar) has been on a hunger strike since the country's military leaders placed her under house arrest eight days ago. Western diplomats said today.

They said Aung San Suu Kyi, secretary of the National League for Democracy (NLD), demanded to be transferred to Rangoon's Insein jail and kept under the same conditions as supporters who were arrested as part of the crackdown on her party last week.

The 44-year-old daughter of assassinated independence hero Aung San has taken only water since she was put under house arrest and accused of endangering the state.

"We have no information on her condition at the moment, but she has been on hunger strike since July 20," one diplomat said quoting reports from Rangoon.

A Burmese military tribunal yesterday sentenced to death three members of an opposition political party, having found them guilty of delivering a bomb that killed two people, official Rangoon Radio reported.

"After examining the prosecution evidence, the accused were found guilty by the military tribunal," the radio said, adding that the defendants "were given the death sentence."

There was no indication whether any defense was made during the one-day trial. Martial law regulations allow military tribunals to dispense with "unnecessary witnesses."

No appeal of the verdict is allowed under recently announced martial regulations.

The defendants, Than Zaw, Nyi Nyi U and Moe Kyaw Thu, who range in age from 17 to 27, and a fourth suspect still at large were members of the opposition NLD.

The four were accused of making and delivering a bomb to a government-owned refinery just across the Rangoon river from the capital on July 7 "with the intention of burning and destroying the No. 1 refinery oil refinery and causing the death of many people."

A parcel containing the bomb was addressed to the head of the refinery department and was delivered to the refinery manager's home. The explosion killed the manager's son and a refinery worker and seriously injured another worker.

The bomb blast came on the anniversary of the military's 1963 demolition of a student union building in which many people died.

## Manila nets rebel leader

Ocampos face life term

**MANILA, July 28 (Agencies):** Soldiers captured one of the country's most prominent communist leaders yesterday and officials immediately hailed the arrest as a major setback to the 20-year-old communist insurgency.

Satur Ocampo, 50, a suspected central committee member of the banned Communist Party of the Philippines, was arrested with his common-law wife, Carolina Malay, 50, in suburban Makati district, the military said.

President Corazon Aquino said today the capture of rebel leader Satur Ocampo and his guerrilla wife, Carolina Malay, marked another step towards an end to the 20-year communist insurgency.

"I think this will help our counter-insurgency programme," Aquino told reporters.

"It's bringing us closer to what I see as the resolution of this problem."

Ocampo screamed at his Philippine military captors today, accusing them of planting evidence against him and of mirroring the dictatorship of ex-president Ferdinand Marcos.

He and his guerrilla wife, Malay, were presented to the media at a Manila constabulary base for 20 minutes during which Ocampo and a legal military officer shouted and interrupted each other.

"This is reminiscent of the Marcos dictatorship," Ocampo yelled. "There has not been any change in the military nor in this government since the Marcos dictatorship." Marcos was overthrown in 1986.

Constabulary legal officer Colonel Virgilio Saldajeno, told reporters charges of possessing illegal firearms and "furtherance of rebellion or subversion" were expected to be filed against the couple in Manila's Makati court today.

He said the two faced possible life imprisonment as ranking members of the banned Communist Party of the Philippines and would not be eligible for bail.

Ocampo accused soldiers of planting two revolvers they said they found in his rented room in the financial district when he was captured, but Saldajeno, who served the search warrant on Thursday, dismissed the accusation as absurd.

The military says the couple belong to the Communist Party's Politburo. It has charged them with murder, saying they were responsible for the killing of New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas suspected of being government

agents.

Saldajeno said a former rebel, Eduardo Borromeo, who had been targeted for execution by colleagues while with the NPA, confronted Ocampo last night after his capture.

The military officer said Borromeo, who helped lead soldiers to mass rebel graves on southern Luzon island in the spring and whose mother, father and brother were reportedly killed by the NPA, had a "tearful reunion" with Ocampo.

"Borromeo started asking: 'Why is it that you allowed the killing of our fellow revolutionaries to have continued?'" Saldajeno said.

He said Ocampo was "apologetic" and told Borromeo: "In the movement, some mistakes are made. It's really very regrettable."

There was no independent confirmation of the conversation took place.

Soldiers detained 85 people around the capital yesterday in a series of raids in squatter areas and elsewhere in search of rebels.

Colonel Orville Gabura of the capital command, who headed the raids, told reporters all but two dozen were later released. Those held were subjected of involvement in communist hit squads operating in Manila.

Police in the Dutch city of Utrecht said yesterday they had granted protection to four Filipinos following supposed death threats.

The four, wanted by Philippine authorities, include Jose Maria Sison, founder of the Philippine Communist Party and suspected present party chairman, and Luis Jaladon, international representative of the communist-run national democratic front.

An advertisement purporting to offer a Manila government reward for the heads of four Philippine leftist political refugees was a fake, the Dutch Foreign Ministry said today.

Spokeswoman Renee Groenewoud said the Netherlands had cleared up a misunderstanding with the Philippines over a Manila newspaper advertisement offering the equivalent of \$50,000 for the return of the four "dead or alive."

Police in the Dutch city of Utrecht granted the four refugees protection and the Netherlands asked its ambassadors in Manila to seek an official explanation after a copy of the "wanted" posted appeared in the newspaper last Monday.



Twenty-four suspected communist rebels are presented to journalists inside a suburban military detention centre in Manila. At right is Brig Gen Alexander Aguirre capital command police chief reading rebels names. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'I set out to get Uno and got him'

**TOKYO, July 28 (AP):** The former geisha whose tales of infidelity brought down Japan's prime minister said today she cried tears of happiness when she saw Souda Souda announce his resignation on national television this week.

"Victory at last," was Mitsuko Nakanishi's first reaction when Uno told the nation Monday he was resigning. "Tears came running down. I felt like an athlete who just won a game."

Uno, 66, who served only seven weeks as prime minister, was unable to put to rest Nakanishi's allegations he paid her \$21,000 for a four-month, extramarital affair in 1985.

"If I had not spoken out, he would still be prime minister today," Nakanishi said in an interview with United Press International, her first interview with a foreign correspondent since Uno's resignation announcement.

"I set out to get him and I got him," said the 40-year-old Nakanishi, who denied any feeling of personal vengeance but said she acted for the sake of Japanese women.

Uno's collapse was a triumph for Japanese women who have "always been beaten down by men and have always quietly endured the pain," she said.

Nakanishi has become a symbol of the new Japanese women who no longer wants to play the subservient role in society.

Uno's case marked a turning point in which the Japanese dropped their custom of looking the other way when politicians' affairs were made known.

Uno was hounded into near seclusion by angry women protesters who picked his few public appearances in the weeks leading up to a crucial parliamentary election.

When the election came on Sunday, women voters turned out in high numbers than men to hand Uno's Liberal Democratic Party its first election defeat in 34 years.

"Japanese women used to grin and bear it," said Teruko Yoshitake, a commentator on women's issues. "Nakanishi showed them they don't have to bear it any more."

Nakanishi, who covers her mouth shyly as she laughs, said she has no interest in becoming a leader of the women's movement in Japan.

"What we need is for all women to join hands and walk forward together," she said.

"Japanese women must become economically independent if we are ever going to be free," she said. "Marriage is like prostitution. If a husband has an affair, what choice do we have but to stay with him since we have no earning power."

"There are many crying women in Japan suffering physical and emotional violence at the hands of their husbands," said Nakanishi, who added her own marriage ended in divorce after she spent seven years quietly suffering while hoping things would get better.

When the talk turns to Uno, her eyes widen with anger. "That man had no business being prime minister," she said.

When Uno took office June 2 he was touted as a "Mr Clean" because he was one of the few top politicians who had not been tainted by a bribery scandal that forced the resignation of his predecessor, Noboru Takeshita.

## Seoul blasts North over student's foiled homecoming

**SEOUL, July 28 (Reuters):** South Korea, breaking its silence on a Seoul student's foiled bid to return home across the tense border with Communist North Korea, warned Pyongyang today it risked self-destruction.

"It should awaken to the fact that any continued exploitation of our efforts towards peaceful unification will only invite its self-destruction," the southern government's national unification board said.

Seoul has shelved all talks with Pyongyang because of unofficial visits to the North by its citizens. The latest, student Im Su-Kyong, failed to cross back from the North at the border village

Panmunjom yesterday.

A Reuters correspondent on the northern side reported that northern soldiers stopped Im and a Roman Catholic priest just short of the border, after a much-publicised walk through the North.

Seoul authorities said Im and the priest, Moon Gu-Hyong, who went to the North to join her "peace march", would be arrested on return under stern national security laws banning all pro-North Korean activity.

North Korea's central news agency, monitored in Tokyo today, said Im was now staging a hunger strike on the northern side of the border in Panmun-

jom.

The age icy said about 30 youths and students from a pro-Pyongyang Korean Residents' Association in Japan also started fasting at a hotel in Kaesong, just north of Panmunjom, to show support for the 22-year-old student from Seoul's Hankook University of foreign studies.

Im defied her government and went to Pyongyang to attend a World Youth Festival, which ended on July 8, saying her presence there would help facilitate a peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula, split at the end of World War Two.



Art of Qigong

A Chinese performer of the ancient art of Qigong leans on the blade of a spear to demonstrate his technique in a Beijing park. Qigong, a method of using concentration and breathing to improve health, is also touted as a source of mystical powers. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Gambian president to arrive here today

## Bilateral talks with Amir on agenda

KUWAIT, July 28, (KUNA): President Dawda Kairaba Jawara of the Republic of Gambia and the accompanying delegation will be arriving here at 5.15 pm tomorrow (Saturday) on a three-day state visit to Kuwait.

During his stay here, the Gambian president will hold talks with HH the Amir focussing on bilateral ties between the two

countries and means of developing them in all fields as well as issues of mutual concerns.

### Issues

President Jawara paid two state visits to Kuwait in 1986 and 1987 during which he held talks with HH the Amir and other senior officials on strengthening co-operation

between the two countries. The two sides shared identical viewpoints as regards international questions particularly the Palestinian issue and the situation in South Africa.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic and Social Development had extended nine million Kuwaiti dinars in development aid and technical assistance to Gam-

bia. Like many other African countries, drought-hit Gambia had sought assistance from the International Monetary Fund and other international institutions.

Gambia attained independence in 1963, joined the UN in the same year and is a member of Organisation of Islamic Conference since 1974.

## Dealers optimistic

# Driving schools may activate car market

THE automobile market in the Gulf region in general is suffering from fluctuations in prices since 1985 mainly because of the Iraq-Iran war which resulted in an increase in shipping and customs fees. The sharp decline in oil prices has also contributed to the overall decline.

At the same time, four years ago the automobile market witnessed a semi-stagnation caused by a drop in sales particularly in Kuwait. Another negative factor which played an important role in affecting the situation is that the General Traffic Department has been highly selective in issuing new driving licences throughout this period.

### Optimism

A light "at the end of tunnel" both for entrepreneurs and those looking forward to the "next-to-impossible" "Jaza" (drivers licence) is expected with the soon to be opened new driving schools.

In a survey conducted by a local daily, dealers at the used cars market expressed optimism that the granting of drivers licences to select groups of citizens and expatriates will automatically ensure better sales in the car market.

Riyadh Abu Baker, the sales manager at a used cars lot owned by one of the popular automobiles agencies said that sales have declined since 1987. Another factor causing cars prices to drop in that more car dealers are importing used cars from America.

### Higher prices

Abu Baker indicated that demand for used cars will increase particularly after the announcement by the General Traffic Department that it will open the doors for new driving schools.

At another used cars lot, Tamer Al Hindi, the sales manager stressed that the used cars market will witness a leap towards the better after the opening of driving schools. He anticipated that the used cars market will also witness nearly 40 per cent rise in prices.

He pointed out that thousands of new drivers will be buying used cars since most of this group are usually among average income bracket.

### Changes

Saeed Al Fadhel, the sales manager at one of the used cars agencies said that prices at the market have been stagnant for quite some time, essentially because many people were not able to obtain driving licences. He anticipated a boost in the market as soon as the General Traffic Department starts granting drivers licences and said that prices will as a result increase at a minimum level of 20 per cent.

Kathem Al Barghouthi, a used car sales manager stressed that there will not be any changes in the market for at least six months after the opening of driving schools. He added that companies and dealers will gradually increase their prices. He said that prices during summer are higher than during winter because most car dealers are out of the country to spend their vacation and that a smaller number of dealers have the power to control car prices.

Muhsen Al Shaye said that establishing driving schools at all governorates is a good step even though it came a bit late.

He pointed out that this will eventually lead to a big boost in the used cars market particularly because those who will obtain their driving licences will be from the middle income group.



Emergency department visited

SCIENCE CLUB members undergoing police training visited yesterday the General Department for Police Communication and Emergency. The 14 members were received by head of public relations, Maj. Mansour Al Ustath. The delegation toured the different sections of the department. Picture shows the group listening to explanations by police officials.

# 24 satellites over Arab world in 1990

THE field of communication and information is poised for a quantum leap as 24 satellites will broadcast programmes as of 1990.

Financial obstacles prevent the development of the Arabian Satellite ArabSat, according to Abdul Raouf Al Basti, director general of the Arab Radio Stations Union. However, the Union is seeking to operate a 24-hour television comprehensive programme among television stations.

The official said that the Arab Radio Station Union has many activities and co-ordinates programmes via satellite with other Arab broadcasting stations.

### Broadcasts

The union has organised and held annual symposiums on the development of radio and television. The union organises the Arab Television Festival every two years which represents an integration and development of modern broadcasting techniques.

In relation to news and sports, the union oversees the coverage and co-ordination of

news broadcasts on a daily basis through the exchange centre in Algiers. It also organises the coverage of political cultural and sports events in the Arab world and those broadcast live via satellite.

The union also representing radio stations and television stations broadcasts outstanding events at prices far below those charged by radio and television corporations.

In the field of engineering, the union organises engineering symposiums to enable employee engineers at Arab radio stations to be in full contact with up to date developments and modern techniques for broadcasting and distribution frequencies accredited by them.

The Arab satellite, ArabSat is a fully independent authority and it works independently from the union. The union deals with the satellite during television broadcasts.

### Development

He pointed out that Arab television stations have witnessed enhanced developments during the past two years particularly in the field of exchange of television programmes

among Arab countries. The union aims at further co-operation between these television stations and is currently conducting a new project in order to rent a television channel which broadcasts from ArabSat on a 24 hour basis. Basti expressed hopes that the project will improve Arab television programmes.

Basti added that the 24 world satellites will be utilised to broadcast European television programmes which could be received by small roof top aerials all over the Arab world. This announcement was made recently by the European Space Agency. In addition technology has played an important role in making satellites double its broadcasting powers with smaller aerials, Basti said.

He further stressed the point that Arab countries should understand and be fully aware of the challenges posed by international satellites to be able to go parallel with developments. Many studies have been conducted by the union that have given indications that the new space situation will represent a huge cultural invasion of the Arab world.

# Kuwaiti economy recovering: report

## Gross income up 21 per cent

LONDON, July 28, (KUNA): A leading London-based Arabic language magazine pointed out the Kuwaiti economy is showing strong signs of recovery thanks to the leadership of HH the Amir and a variety of regional and international factors, chiefly cessation of the Iran-Iraq war.

In a wide-ranging supplement on Kuwait appearing in today's edition, *Al Hawadeth* weekly magazine attributed Kuwait's economic recovery to the end of the Gulf war, higher oil prices and Manakh crisis-related debt settlement programme sponsored by the Central Bank.

The magazine pointed out that Kuwait Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi has forecast higher oil revenues in the new budget prices of which had started to climb late last year.

The weekly emphasised that Kuwait owns one sixth of global petroleum reserves, assuring supplies for 200 years.

Quoting Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Athbi Al Sabah, *Al Hawadeth* said Kuwait is producing 1.35 million barrels a day.

Of the total 750,000 are refined domestically. 300,000 processed by Kuwait's refineries abroad and 200,000 are Kuwait's share from the divided zone co-owned by Saudi Arabia, and 200,000 to 300,000 are sold to contract clients.

The magazine noted that the Kuwaiti stock market has rebounded late last June thanks to a set of measures announced by the bourse's board to revitalise trading.

The new air of confidence in the Kuwaiti economy has led to a return of flight capital, the report went on.

It was pointed out that economic recovery had started in 1987 when the gross national income rose 21 per cent against a 17.45 drop in 1986.

### Unique

Non-oil (GNI) providing a better measure of economic growth, also leapt eight points in 1987 against only a four per cent rise in 1986, the weekly said, adding that the Kuwaiti economy had shown better performance in 1988 and this year.

The magazine poured praise

on HH the Amir describing him as a unique statesman of planning, who since holding the finance portfolio, then as Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has been the mastermind of sound economic planning that has taken Kuwait investments to the US, Europe and Asia.

Kuwait, by acquiring shares in British Petroleum and the American oil company Sante Fe, had become the first Arab country to invest in oil industries abroad, the report said.

Kuwait, the magazine added, had moved to secure a better future for its people by opening a posterity fund, and investing heavily in non-oil industries.

Turning to construction, the weekly said Kuwait City centre has become like Manhattan with high modern buildings and swinging cranes busy constructing new compounds.

**Cornstones**

*Al Hawadeth* characterised Kuwait as the commercial cornerstone of the Arabian Gulf region, pointing out that Kuwait encourages re-export trade to neighbouring countries.



New faces at Sheraton

Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently welcomed into its fold Khameh Karzoun as public relations manager and Atef Wahba as front office manager. Khameh Karzoun was born and brought up in Kuwait. He started his career in 1981 with the star hotel in Kuwait. In 1983 he joined the Hotel Management College in Cyprus and graduated in 1985. During the period he had undergone a thorough and intensive training in addition to being assistant external director of the college. Thereafter, he worked as sales manager in one of the hotels in Kuwait before his present assignment. Atef Wahba graduated from the Cairo University in 1975, and worked in five star hotels in Saudi Arabia before joining the Sheraton family at Doha as night manager and then Dubai Sheraton as assistant front office manager and a short stint at the Abu Dhabi Sheraton before taking up his present post. A self confessed workaholic his main ambition is to see that the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel is a great success and maintains its usual high standards.

## EVENTS

## This week on KTV 2

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>July 30</b>	9.00 A Different World: "Claire's Last Stand"
6.00 Holy Quran	9.40 Horizons: "Wasting The Alps"
6.10 Care Bears Cartoon	10.30 L.A. Law: "The Princess and the Pen"
6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Meeting"	12.00 Closesown
7.00 Japanese architecture	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Aug 2</b>
8.00 News in English	6.00 Holy Quran
8.00 Maelstrom: "In the Vortex"	6.10 Trifling cartoon series
9.30 The Secret World "Bats and Birds: Wings of Death"	6.30 Big Fish: "Ice Society"
10.00 Kate and Allie	7.00 Danger Bay: "Smiling Dolphin"
10.30 Best Seller: "Robert Kennedy: His Life and Times"	7.30 Body Matters: "Muscling In"
11.30 Closesown	8.00 News in English
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>July 31</b>	8.40 Simon and Simon
6.00 Holy Quran	9.00 The Best of British: "Doctors and Nurses"
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial	9.30 Learning Ropes: "Is there a Redneck in the House?"
6.30 Scheme of Things	10.30 Movie Classics: "High Sierra" (1941). Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ida Lupino, Arthur Kennedy
7.00 Roving Report	10.30 Jack and Mike: "Indelible Evidence"
7.30 Charles-in-Charge	11.45 Closesown
8.00 News in English	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Aug 1</b>
8.40 Paradise: "Treasure"	6.00 Holy Quran
9.30 227: "The Big Deal"	6.10 Amigo and Friends
10.00 Indelible Evidence	6.30 Captain Power: "Freedom Won"
10.30 Jack and Mike	7.00 Gone Fishing: "Eels"
11.45 Closesown	7.30 The New Adventures of Ben Baxter
	8.00 News in English
	8.40 Islamic Foundation: A special programme on the life of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)

## KTV 1 weekly highlights

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons	9.20 Cartoons
12.15 That's Incredible	10.20 How I Embroidered Islam
4.00 Arabic feature film: Nesa Khalil Al Kudban (Women behind bars). Starring: Sana Jamil, Bous	1.30 Cartoon serial: Nabehi Wa Saleh
6.10 Tales from the Holy Quran	4.05 Football match: Kuwait vs Egypt
8.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabat	6.00 Atef Laila Wa Laila: children programme
10.45 Variety programme on Palestine intifada	7.00 Special about us
<b>MONDAY</b>	10.45 Special programme on Palestine intifada
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	<b>THURSDAY</b>
12.30 Summer clubs	9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
4.00 Historical serial: Meerath Al Saqeen	10.15 Arabic play: Kethiba Low-nah Wardi. Starring: Laila Taber
5.45 Children and summer	12.10 Japanese variety programme
7.45 Holy Quran and Science	3.45 Local play: Ala Hama Ya Feroun. Starring: Abdul Hussain Abdul Reda, Saad Al Faraj
11.00 Cultural programme: Ehtemalat	9.45 Songs
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.30 Arabic film: Youm Mor... Youm Helow. Starring: Fatma Hamama, Mohammad Mumir
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	<b>FRIDAY</b>
9.30 Cartoons	9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
10.15 New daily Arabic serial: Naseej Al Ankaboot. Starring: Younis Shalabi, Hala Sedqi	11.15 Friday Prayers
12.15 Variety programme with stars	4.10 Kuwaiti feature film: Al Samt. Starring: Hayat Al Fahd, Ahmad Al Saleh
4.00 Arabic play: Al Hub La Yaref Al Mustahel. Starring: Salah Qabil	6.15 Kuwait in a week
7.55 Seminar of the week	10.30 Variety programme: Keima
10.45 Arabic film: Bae'at Al Khubz. Starring: Shadiya	

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

<b>KTV 1</b>	<b>KTV 2</b>
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	6.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim	6.10 Popples: new cartoon series for young viewers
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite	6.30 Owl: a look at a species of bears; hibernation, development of lenses and other topics
10.15 Arabic serial: Al Hub Wa Al Sabbar	7.00 The Wild World of Animals: a look at wild ducks in the forests of Cuba
11.20 Local serial: Ezaz	7.30 Full House: "Danny's Very First Date". Stephanie and D.G. want to prevent Danny from meeting Mrs Linda
12.00 News in brief	8.00 News in English
12.10 Weekly Arabic serial: Min Aji Ghadi	8.40 Our House: "The String Town Treasure". David finds the clue to a treasure
1.00 News in brief	9.30 Nuclear Age: tonight's episode examines the events leading to the eruption of the rockets crisis of Cuba
1.05 World Today via Satellite	10.30 Late Night Movie: "Rainy Day Friends". Starring: Chuck Bill, Asa Morell
1.30 Cartoon serial: Floma	12.00 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite, Holy Quran/Closesown
2.15 Arabic serial: Hara Nesheha Al Zaman	
3.00 Religious programme	
3.35 Cartoon serial: Bibi Folk and Calimiro	
4.00 English film	
6.30 Little Artist	
7.00 Cultural programme	
8.30 News in Arabic	
9.45 Arabic serial: Harebat Min Al Madi	
10.45 Arabic play: Reblat Al Khoul Wa Al Hanan. Starring: Mohsen Serhan, Afaf Shuaib	
12.30 News in brief	
12.35 World Today via Satellite and closesown	

## CINEMA

Al Andalus Arabic film	Al Fardous
Al Hamra Arabic film	Kathron Ke Khiladi
Al Sahmya Arabic film	Starring: Dharmendra
Al Fardous	Madhuri Dixit
Starring: Ke Khiladi	Fahad Ope-Ah
Madhuri Dixit	Nafat KI Aandhi
Fahad Ope-Ah	
Nafat KI Aandhi	
Al Fardous	
Starring: Ke Khiladi	
Madhuri Dixit	
Fahad Ope-Ah	
Nafat KI Aandhi	

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait	Al Sharqiya Pharmacy
Al Hilali St.	Al Hilali St.
Al Baqami Pharmacy	Al Baqami Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber St.	Ahmed Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nagra	Hawalli and Nagra
Al Saada Pharmacy	Al Saada Pharmacy
Nagra, Al Othman St.	Nagra, Al Othman St.
Sahmya and Rumaithya	Sahmya and Rumaithya
Al Raed Pharmacy	Al Raed Pharmacy
Rumaithya, Amman St.	Rumaithya, Amman St.
Fahad and Almad	Fahad and Almad
Al Badaea Pharmacy	Al Badaea Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Dabooos St.	Fahad, Al Dabooos St.
Kheitan Pharmacy	Kheitan Pharmacy
Ibrahim Ibn Adham St.	Ibrahim Ibn Adham St.
Jahra	Jahra
Al Abraj Pharmacy	Al Abraj Pharmacy
Daabal Al Khozaf St.	Daabal Al Khozaf St.

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.37 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.42
Isha	8.09

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## WHAT'S ON

### SOCIAL

**At the Mesallah Beach**  
AL MUBARAKIAH: The only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

**Al Jawahar Super Night Club:** live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

**Al Berdweh beach garden restaurant** open daily Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese Mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and Hubble Bubble.

**Keep Fit**  
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwando classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Petal Woodland or Vivienne Buey 2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

**D'Assisi Social Evening**  
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Mesallah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

**At the Kuwait International**  
FAILAKA Restaurant: Moroccan Food Promotion from July 22 to 27. Presents tempting dishes from Casablanca and exotic desserts from Northern Sahara. For lunch and dinner. Ext 8012

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### Independents ball

AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Amelio (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

### Sargavadi's Saakehi

AUGUST 3: (Thursday): Sargavadi, the cultural wing of Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress, on the eve of Nehru Centenary celebrations, will be staging one of the most popular Malayalam social plays - Saakehi, at the Indian Arts Circle Auditorium at 6.30 pm.

Written by Varughese Paul, directed by Jayan Pattathu and co-directed by Miss Shirley John, the characters are represented by Baby Thomas, C.C. Jose, Josekutty, Niman Thangalathil, Emmanuel, Babychan, Mrs Mary Sebastian, Mrs Annamma Kurian, Miss Shirley John and Miss Shiny John. Lyrics by Rajendra Babu, music direction Viswala. Lead singers are Unnikrishnan and Mrs Lekshmi Vijayakumar.

**United Goans**  
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2445829 after 6 pm.

### KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Aray ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Rara Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those who are interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Konkani drama**  
AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Battli Ani Bazaar", directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle. Funfair at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

**HOTELS**  
**At the Holiday Inn**  
MANGO WEEK - upto July 31: Come and taste the sweetest mungo jumbo of delicious mango to make your day complete.

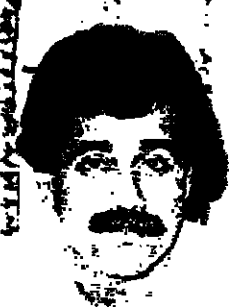
**At the Coffee Shop:** A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

**Al Andalus:** Thursday - Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

**Family brunch:** Friday - A wholesale day for the children. Bring them along and enjoy entertainment which includes Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price KD5.000 for adults, and half per kid.

**At the swimming pool:** From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring your family and friends and savour our delicious Shazad barbecue, at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

## OBITUARY



### SURU MENON

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# Action Line

MY wife is working on visa No. 18. One month before, she delivered a baby. Please let us know if we can get the child's residence with the mother's residence or not?

K.S.  
IF both parents work in the private sector on visa No. 18, a father can get residence for his child. A child's name can be endorsed in a mother's passport but the child's iqama will be linked to the father's passport by the immigration department.

MY cousin was married in Kuwait in April, 1987. She holds a visa No. 20. Her husband is on a No. 18 visa. Since then we are trying to transfer her residence to her husband's sponsorship, but did not succeed.

A news item was published in the Arab Times, which said "There is no impediment for a woman who is married to transfer her residence from the sponsorship of her family to that of her husband's, so long as the husband is working in the country. No stipulation has been laid down for a minimum salary of the husband to sponsor his newly wedded spouse."

This statement gives us some hope. Will you advise us on further steps to be taken? Will we succeed?

G.B.D.  
YOU seem to have misunderstood the issue. "No impediment for a woman...to transfer...from sponsorship of her family" clearly means the woman must hold a visa No. 22 (dependant). Your cousin holds a domestic visa, which cannot be changed into a dependant visa unless the husband earns a salary of KD650 in the private sector. If he is eligible to get a dependant visa, she has to cancel the present visa, return to her country and come back on the new, dependant visa.

I've ended my two years, two month contract with an Egyptian family on May 15, 1989. I have found a new employer. My first employer took KD150 from my new employer. Is there a law like that?

I did not take my plane ticket or bonus from my first employer. Do I have a right to take my air ticket and bonus from her? If I have the right, what shall I do?

M.S. Capricorn  
LEGALLY, there is no rule allowing a person to accept money to transfer the visa of a maid from one employer to another employer. But it is a common practice among many employers, who take money when a maid's visa is transferred from one employer to another.

Maids are not covered by the labour law. And as such they don't have any rights. Most employers follow the contract. If your contract said you must get a bonus and a plane ticket, you can request your employer to give them to you.

In case of final repatriation of a domestic servant, an employer is obliged to bear the cost of an air ticket.

In your case, this does not apply, because you have taken another job without returning to your country.

MY father lived in Kuwait for 28 years, working in a private company for 26 years continuously. Last year, he expired. My mother was under his sponsorship. Her residence is valid until 1993. We are four brothers, staying in Kuwait for the last 13 years. Is it possible to transfer my mother's residence to our sponsorship? What documents will be required?

Sarjinder  
AN expatriate, if he is eligible under the salary requirements, is permitted to sponsor only his wife and children. Immigration rules do not permit any expatriate to sponsor a parent on a dependant visa. The immigration authority, in some cases, has transferred the residence of a parent on humanitarian grounds, particularly after an expatriate served in the country for a long period of time. It would be advisable to explain your mother's case to the immigration authorities, who might grant her permission to stay on her valid residence permit.

I AM a secretary. My contract expires in November. I want to find another sponsor who can give me a new visa as an office worker. Should I take another passport to get the visa?

PAT G.E.  
A SPONSOR in Kuwait can get a new visa by applying to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, provided he has given you a job. In this case, you don't need a new passport.

To change sponsorship, a person must work for at least three years with one sponsor. If you have worked for three years with your present employer, then you can look for another job, provided your present employer is willing to give you a release. A transfer of residence can be done only with the knowledge and acceptance of both employers, old and new. Transference of a visa also depends on the acceptance of an application by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

If you have not completed three years service with your present employer, and find new job and your employer can get a new visa, you can cancel your present visa, return to your country and re-enter Kuwait on a new visa.

MY wife and I work in the private sector, earning a combined salary of KD550. We are expecting a child within a few months. I want to send my wife to my home country for her delivery. Is it possible to bring the child when my father returns? What are the formalities?

Recently, there was a rumour that if a lady, holding visa No. 18, goes back to her home country for delivery, she is not permitted to bring back her child. Please advise.

V. Philip  
IMMIGRATION rules say that if both parents work in the private sector and a child is born in Kuwait, the father can sponsor the child, adding his name to his iqama. However, if a child is born out of Kuwait, then one of the parents must qualify under the salary ceiling to sponsor a child. If you earn KD650 in the private sector, you could get a dependant visa for the child. The combined salary of parents is not taken into consideration to apply for dependant visas for children.

ENTERED Kuwait on June 26, 1989 on a three year work permit, issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. What are the formalities to get the residence stamped on my passport? Explain the formalities for fingerprints, medical check-up and getting a Civil ID card.

C.D.  
RESIDENCE formalities must be completed by a new immigrant within one month of arrival. Normally, the company "mandate" (representative) advises a new entrant about all the formalities. You are required to undergo medical tests, conducted by the Border Health Authority, located near the Sabah Hospital in Shuwaik. On completing the medical test, a migrant must go, along with the company representative, who procures required papers for fingerprints, to one of the finger-printing centres in Sharq or Farwaniya. After the finger-prints have been done, you can take papers to the Immigration Department (Hawalli, Shuwaik or Ahmadi) to get the visa stamped. Visa fees are KD10 per year.

Once you get the visa, you must apply for the Civil ID card at the centre nearest to your place of residence, giving a copy of your passport, containing holder's details and residence stamp, four-coloured photograph (3x4), finger-print form, blood-type certificate and a duly-completed Civil ID card for first-time registration. Civil ID centres are located in Farwaniya, 6th Ring Road, Hawalli, Tuni St., and at the Ministries Complex, Sharq. The Civil ID card is processed within a month. You have to pay a nominal fee of KD2 to receive your card.

MY brother was on visa No. 20. He was deported a month back while working for his sponsor.

1) When can he enter Kuwait legally on a new visa?

2) What can be done to bring him back on a new visa?

M.S.K.  
ANY deportee must get a pardon from the Minister of Interior. If you want to bring him back, you can apply for a pardon to the minister. If he is pardoned, then you can apply for any type of visa for him.

I AM a semi-government employee with a salary of more than KD650. My family is in Kuwait under my sponsorship. Now we are planning to adopt a four-month old son, whose name will be included in my wife's passport. What is the procedure to bring our adopted infant son?

M. Manavendra  
IF the adopted son bears your name, you can bring him as a dependant. If his surname differs from that of yours, then it might be a problem to bring him over. To sponsor a dependant, you must fill an application form, available from one of the immigration centres in Hawalli, Shuwaik or Ahmadi. The sponsor must present a recently issued salary certificate, issued by his employer, photocopy of Civil ID card, and a valid passport with a valid Kuwaiti residence stamp.

If you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind, send your questions to Arab Times Legal Clinic. Our Kuwaiti lawyer Khaled Taker replies to readers' queries. Write to Arab Times, PO Box 2270, 13623.

## Kuwaiti envoy ends visit to Moscow

MOSCOW, July 28, (KUNA): Farouk Al Omar, general secretary of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters of Kuwait, has ended his visit to the USSR today, Tass news agency reported.

During his visit to Moscow (from July 25-28) the Kuwaiti guest held negotiations at the Soviet Foreign Ministry and had meetings and conversations at the Ministry of Culture of the

USSR and the state committee of the USSR for public education.

The signing of a programme of cultural and scientific co-operation between the Soviet Union and the State of Kuwait for 1989-91 at the Foreign Ministry of the USSR has been the result of the negotiations.

The programme envisages further development of co-operation between the two countries in culture, science, education,

information and sports.

"We are striving to use to the utmost the current favourable changes in the USSR in order to develop relations between Kuwait and the Soviet Union," Al Omar told Tass after the signing of the programme of cultural and scientific co-operation between the two countries for 1989-91.

Kuwait is the first Gulf-state to establish inter-state cultural

relations with the USSR. Starting from 1967, Soviet-Kuwaiti co-operation in culture has been developing on the basis of programmes resumed on a regular basis.

The programme signed in Moscow today envisage exchanges of book and fine art exhibitions, printed matter, visits of delegations of workers in culture, art and literature.



Iranians in Kuwait go to the polls

Crowds of Iranians lined up outside their embassy in Kuwait yesterday to vote for a new president and a referendum on changes in the Iranian Constitution. (Photo by Javed Basra).

## Saudi show opens in Washington

Sight, sound and aromas on display

WASHINGTON, July 28, (KUNA): For the next three weeks, Washington will host one of the largest, longest-lasting, and most impressive exhibitions on Saudi Arabia ever put together outside the Middle East.

The exhibition, was formally opened by Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Riyadh today.

Similar mammoth Saudi Arabian 'shows' have met with critical acclaim when appearing in Cairo and such major European cities as London, Paris and Stuttgart.

The July 29-August 20 exhibition, dubbed "Saudi Arabia — Yesterday and Today," a "Cultural Exhibition" is being held mainly in the capital's massive Convention Centre.

This new facility is one of the few places large enough to accommodate the wide variety of individual scenarios, parts of actual mosques and other sights of unaccustomed to Americans' eyes.

Indeed, with the amount of information provided and the physical scale of the 100,000 square foot exhibition, the ordinary visitor's impression is one of actually having stepped foot inside the kingdom.

The occasion for KUNA's visit was a special press preview for the domestic and foreign media, conducted as workers feverishly worked to complete the enormous undertaking.

Saudi Embassy staff, anticipating hunger from Washington's notoriously out-of-shape reporters, offered them an array of Saudi foods and cold juices after their travels through the many exhibits.

The affair's formal inauguration by Vice-President Dan Quayle and Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar and other distinguished Saudis was to get under way with a formal reception and gala dinner.

As of Wednesday, many of Washington's diplomats, Mideast experts, politicians and a "wide array of 'glitterati'" were known to be pleading for a place on the restricted, by-invitation-only roster.

The public relations efforts to promote the exhibition included notices in the "Washington Post" and "Washington Times" and blanketing the city's buses and subway cars with hundreds of large, evocative posters.

But the kingdom's cultural blitz is not limited to the inside. Tomorrow throngs of tourists and locals will view a memorable and unique fireworks display by the Zeffirelli Brothers. For the past 25 years this organisation has created Washington's Independence Day fireworks.

Exhibition organisers said for the first time passersby in the capital will see Saudi symbols like swords and palm trees blazing through the sky.

Another strong graphic display will be the 15-minute "state-of-the-art" laser light show, choreographed with photos and contemporary Saudi music.

According to Saudi Embassy spokesmen, who helped co-ordinate the affair with participating US and foreign companies, it was the continuing and useful ignorance of the American people towards the Saudi Kingdom (and the Mideast generally) that most sparked the show.

One, summing up the views of many Saudis, noted the US public had so little idea about their country they usually believed, for example, that all of it was desert.

And they express amazement that there are cold areas, officials told KUNA in interviews.

Spokesmen stressed, though, that the programme would concern itself not with political controversies of the region but with the kingdom's history and domestic growth since its founding as a modern state in 1935.

Among the sights, sounds and aromas confronting the visitor are:

— The massive gold and silver overlaid door of the Kaaba from Makkah's Grand Mosque, dating from 1926, along with its sumptuously woven Kiswah.

— A display of native Saudi dress by Saudi fashion design Adnan Akber, recipient of multiple "excellence" awards by European and Arab committees.

## Administrative decree

KUWAIT, July 28, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Cabinet has recently decreed that all government departments and public authorities must draw an eight-month short-term plan of administrative development projects, secretary of employees diwan Abdel Aziz Abdullah Al Zebin said today.

In a statement to KUNA, Zebin emphasised that the Cabinet's decree, adopted on July 9, stipulated that the plan which would cover the period from November 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990, is to include collecting and registering data related to various aspects of administrative development.

He said, under the decree, all governmental departments were asked to determine practical steps they are proposing for carrying out administrative development.

## Plan to replace expats in government service

Priority to Kuwaitis

By Jamal Ameen

A WELL-INFORMED source at the Ministry of Planning has said that the ministry is keen to execute a new plan aimed at substituting the expatriate workforce at government ministries and institutions with Kuwaitis, particularly at an administrative level.

The source said that the existing Kuwaitisation technique is deemed inefficient as it would lead to Kuwaitise only 40 per cent of the total government workforce over the next twenty-five years.

The source added that the ministry has requested all government ministries and institutions to provide lists of its workforce staff designating their current classification and related budgetary allocations up to the end

of the next five-year plan 90/91 - 94/95.

The source also said that a meeting has been arranged to be convened during the next two months for officials, policy-makers and high-level administrators at various government sites to discuss the lists of existing workforce. The objective is to draw up a special strategy for workforce planning and employment over the next five years.

The source added that the lists would cover 14 main professions and 280 related positions, which include doctors, engineers, economists, lawmen, teachers, directors, supervisors, men of letters, artists, sociologists, businessmen, technicians, clerks, policemen, handworkers, production staff, and laymen.

Meanwhile, the ministry's

undersecretary has sent official letters to ministries' undersecretaries and government workforce officials, outlining the work plan for the next stage.

The content stressed the need for building the Kuwaiti individual and qualifying him to shoulder his national responsibilities through active contributions and involvement in strategic spheres.

The intent is to prepare a scale of priority for employment in various spheres, based on actual future needs, and the possibility of Kuwaitising positions in various professional areas.

The idea is to set up special work teams to decide on the possibilities of reducing the expat workforce in the government sector and reducing dependence on non-Kuwaiti workforce.

## Taxi drivers bemoan presence of vanettes

A STUDY by the research and studies department of the Interior Ministry indicated that all taxi drivers claimed that pickup cars (vanettes) are one of their main problems. The study called to end this "uncivilised appearance of pickups." The study also added that in 1985, the number of licences of taxis totalled 15,641 while the number of taxi vehicles accounted for 4,955 cars. Translated, only 32 per cent of licences are used. The owners of the un-used licences should be investigated before renewing or cancelling their licences, the study added.

The study pointed out that a large percentage of taxi drivers complained that some private cars transport passengers from roads for money. They take passengers from bus stations and parking lots of taxis. This problem can be solved by sending policemen to seize owners of private cars who work illegally as taxi drivers at these lots, it added.

The study recommended organising the work of taxis and

to establish a social security fund for taxi drivers. The study also recommended designating special areas for taxi cars in gathering places. Traffic violations by taxi drivers have increased recently because of a lack of adequate parking facilities. The study called to establish taxi stations in Jahra, Kheitan, Umm Al Himan and Fahaheel areas including small stations at the co-operative societies, hospitals and Ministries Complex in Kuwait City. It also called for building rest houses for taxi drivers at their main stations.

The study further recommended that illiterate taxi drivers be educated. It also recommended the confiscation of licence of any driver who refuses to enroll in the educational plan. Taxi drivers should be supplied with maps indicating important and famous landmarks in Kuwait. It also called for taxi drivers to affix their photos, names and number of their car within the car to enable passengers to recollect the vehicle they travelled in — should the need arise.

## From the courts

3 years RI for forger

THE Criminal Court sentenced three men to three years imprisonment with hard labour and ordered the deportation of two of them. The three were accused of forging an official document that allowed one of them to obtain a residence permit in Kuwait. The court was told that an Arab labourer came to Kuwait after obtaining a work permit through a sponsor. After arriving in Kuwait he went on to complete the procedures for obtaining the official residence permit with the help of his Kuwaiti sponsor. But he failed the medical checkup, a pre-condition to get a residence permit.

The man went back to his sponsor informing him of the problem. They both decided to change the result of the medical check-up which made him "unfit". They went to a third man, who omitted some letters from the official result and made it look as "fit". Later they submitted the document to the Immigration Department and accordingly obtained the residence.

Three weeks later, a copy of the medical checkup was sent by the Health Ministry to the Immigration Department. After revising the files, the Immigration employees found the fraud and referred the case to the general prosecution.

2 years, deportation for narcotics

THE Criminal Court sentenced Hassan and Abdullah to two years imprisonment each and ordered their deportation for possessing and trading narcotics. The court was told that a police officer was informed that the accused were trading in hashish.

A decoy with marked currency was then sent to the accused who sold him two cigarettes for KD50. On completion of the transaction the undercover agents raided the premises of the accused and recovered a further quantity of the contraband.

Killing him softly

A MAN who beat another to death with his iqa (headband) was sentenced by the Court of Cassation to three months imprisonment. The man was earlier acquitted of the charge by the Criminal and Higher Appeals Courts.

The court was told that the accused owed KD35 to the deceased for a sheep. On the day of the incident, the deceased who was angry, forcibly took a sheep from the accused while he was selling sheep in the market place. They quarrelled and exchanged blows. The accused then took off his iqa and "gently" beat the deceased on the left shoulder. The deceased then suddenly fell to the ground and was taken to hospital where he breathed his last.

The court found no evidence that the cause of death was the beating by an iqa. A doctor deputed to examine the case submitted a medical report which said that the deceased was a diabetic and had suffered a heart attack three months previous to the incident. The court then amended the description of the charges from murder to simple assault and sentenced the accused to three months imprisonment.

Airline compensation

THE Higher Appeal Court ordered an airline to pay KD200 as compensation to a passenger who said that he was replaced by an important personality and delayed at the airport for two hours. The man told the court that he was booked first class with the airline and should have flown, but was prevented at the airport by airline officials and he later learnt that he was replaced by an important personality who had no reservation at all. The airline said it was forced to change the plane which could accommodate 22 seats in the first class for another with only 16 seats. It added that as the complainant was the last to reserve (the 22nd), he was dropped along with others for another flight two hours later.

## Traffic fines can be paid at all centres

THE head of road accidents and traffic violations investigation at the traffic department of Capital Governorate Lt Colonel Homoud Al Zafiri said that any driver who commits a violation can pay the fine at any traffic department located in the different governorates.

Traffic violations are two fold: violations that the department accepts as fines and others which are referred to the court.

The General Traffic Administration prescribes administrative punishment against drivers who commit certain traffic violations. For example GTA has the right to confiscate plate numbers and driving licences of violators for one month. This period can be doubled in case a violation is repeated.

Zafiri pointed out that the number of traffic violations have dropped compared to last year which is a sign of an increase in traffic awareness. He added that officers at the GTA have the right not to accept fines in some violations and to insist to refer violators to the traffic court according to the law. He added that youth are the biggest number of drivers who commit accidents and violations.

## UMO calls for cut in transport cost of dead

THE United Malayalee Organization in Kuwait, has submitted a memorandum to the president of India to cut costs of transportation of the corpses of people who die in Kuwait.

The memo adds: At present, Air India charges KD 206 and KD265 to Bombay and Trivandrum respectively for transportation of a human dead body from Kuwait.

The above charges levied by Air India are considered extra ordinarily high in view of the

following reasons: Transportation charges prescribed for a dead body is more than 'the twice single one way fare' to the respective destinations.

It is understood that the basis for the charge is on the assumption that a coffin weighs 200 kilograms. In fact the normal weight of a body including the container will not exceed 150 kilograms.

Coffins are not placed in the passengers area and hence do not

reduce the capacity of passengers in the flight. They are loaded in the cargo hold and the computed charge with respect to the corresponding weight of perishable items works out only to the tune of KD35 and KD 50 respectively.

Other points presented were: The present legislations in Kuwait do not permit cremation of dead bodies in the country, which resulted the necessity of transportation of bodies to the native place much more than earlier. The labour class engaged

in project sites involving fatal accidents are subjected to more financial sufferings.

Other airlines operating in this region give sympathetic considerations and considerable cuttings in the charges imposed on transportation of human bodies to their respective countries. For example, PIA charges approximately KD60 to transport a dead body from any part of the world. Also British Airways and Egypt Airways have reasonable criteria in this matter.



Pepsi merchandising contest

Pepsi-Cola had another Dealer Merchandising Contest for its newly introduced 6-pack. Package was retailed to consumers on a 'buy five get one free' basis. Dealers that won Pepsi Cola's prize for best merchandising outlets were Omara and Rumailhiya Co-ops. The picture above shows a co-op store manager being congratulated by Pepsi Cola's sales manager.

Pepsi-Cola is also very thankful for all its other dealers that retailer Pepsi-Cola as they have all done a good merchandising job without which the consumer would not have benefited from Pepsi's special offer.



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WHEN you have got a thing where you want it, it is a good thing to leave it where it is — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

## PRESS REVIEW

**Al Rai Al Aam:** The Kuwaiti newspaper viewed the current fighting in Afghanistan as a scramble by the two superpowers for spheres of influence, warning of a plot to distract Muslim and Arab attention away from Israel's occupation of holy Jerusalem.

Writing editorially on the fighting in Afghanistan after withdrawal of Soviet forces, *Al Rai Al Aam* said the Afghans are now fighting a proxy war on behalf of a US-Pakistan alliance, as opposed to a Soviet-Iranian axis.

Throughout years of the Afghan conflict, it recalled, Muslims extended every material and moral support to the Afghan mujahideen, making it their prime cause, while the question of Palestine and Israel's occupation of holy Jerusalem was pushed to the background.

"By giving support to and sponsoring the Afghan Muslim opposition," *Al Rai Al Aam* charged, "the US have scored a double success, disengaging the Muslims from (occupied) Jerusalem and the valiant (Palestinian) intifada." In this way, the paper added, Israel was given a free hand to deal with the uprising, while Muslim attention was diverted away from the Palestinian question, Jerusalem and other Muslim holy places.

The newspaper reaffirmed Arab unequivocal support to the Afghan mujahideen and expressed equal backing to the Palestinian people's legitimate struggle in defence of sacred places and against the Israeli occupation forces, supported by US and other international powers. (KUNA)

**Al Rai Al Aam:** The paper on Thursday said the 20-month-old Palestinian intifada against the Israeli occupation has withstood Israeli atrocities because Palestinian protesters believe that "what is taken by force can be recovered only by force."

"The intifada has demonstrated that the (Arab) nation still could boast some who believe in using force to recover what has been taken by force," the paper commented editorially.

The popular Palestinian intifada, said *Al Rai Al Aam*, has negated Arab and global belief that it would crumble under ferocity of Israeli oppression.

Concluding, the paper said if Arabs make a better use of the intifada they could widen the wound they have opened in the Zionist entity by the launch of the intifada. (KUNA)

**Al Bayan:** A United Arab Emirates newspaper attacked Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today and yesterday and said he was not serious about peace in the Middle East.

"Shamir's so-called peace initiative is intended to break the tightening siege on Israel whether internally or externally due to the continuation of the Palestinian uprising," the Dubai-based *Al Bayan* said.

It said Shamir, who presented an election plan in May, also wanted to improve his image, tarnished by the uprising.

"Shamir knows that in case his offer was not implemented, then the mere presentation of the election proposals coupled with an adequate media furore could help him win his ugly fascist face which has been unveiled before the world public opinion," it said.

It said the election proposals were not rejected in principle, but that there should be reasonable conditions so it will be a democratic process.

"The first condition is that the elections must be free and have a clear goal which is the self-determination of the Palestinian people," it said. "But it seems Israel still rejected such conditions."

"The Israeli leaders do not want peace. Rather they want capitulation but the uprising will shatter their dream," it said. (KUNA)

**Washington Post:** In an editorial about the political situation in Nicaragua, the *Washington Post* said:

"The war has halted in Nicaragua, but as the Sandinista regime enters a second decade, the political struggle has intensified. The Sandinista party controls the state apparatus, Army and police. But it has not shown, beyond the circle of the faithful and their admirers, that it holds the loyalty of the people. For that, elections scheduled for next Feb 25 are the key test."

"... To its credit (the Bush's) administration is trying to keep up the political pressure in order to persuade the regime to widen the democratic space available to the political opposition. Some parts of the opposition outside Nicaragua remain reluctant to go home, join the process and in that way lend some legitimacy to it. But the parts of the opposition already in the country are struggling to unite effectively around a single candidate and to counter the formidable media and organising advantages the Sandinistas have conferred upon themselves."

"Some of the pressure on Managua to tone up the election comes from the Kremlin, which seems ready to put down some of its Central American burden. The important pressure, however, must inevitably come from democracies, and especially Latin democracies. Will they be there as the campaign goes along and beleaguered Nicaraguan democrats reach out to them? (UPI)

**Decatur Herald and Review, Decatur, Ill.:** It sounds simple enough.

Eliminate Yasser Arafat and peace will blossom in the Middle East. Let us not mind Ariel Sharon's use of the word "eliminate" as applied to Arafat. It is a euphemism for assassinate. Fortunately, Sharon does not have the direct authority to order the killing of Arafat, which, like his ill-begotten invasion of Lebanon in 1982, would plunge the region deeper into violence.

Eliminating Arafat would not end conflicts between Palestinians and Jews. Whether rightly or not, Arafat is now a symbol of moderation, having renounced violence, which his critics are free to disbelieve but must still deal. Turmoil will continue in the occupied territories and probably grow worse.

Sharon and his allies have no intention of ever negotiating for a peaceful end to the strife. His strategy is to demand conditions that neither the PLO nor Israel moderates can accept. He brought shame to Israel by failing to deal with the Christian massacres of Palestinians in Lebanese refugee camps in 1982. Attention should be paid when Sharon says a Palestinian such as Arafat should be eliminated. Such advice should be firmly rejected. (UPI)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1030 — King Olaf, Patron saint of Norway, is killed in battle.
- 1499 — Lepanto in Greece surrenders to forces of Turkey's Sultan.
- 1565 — Mary Queen of Scots marries Henry, Lord Darnley, in Edinburgh.
- 1656 — Poles under John Casimir are defeated at Warsaw by combined Swedish-Brandenburg force.
- 1696 — Russia's Peter the Great takes Azov from the Turks.
- 1900 — Italy's King Humbert I is assassinated by an anarchist.
- 1921 — All-India Congress decides to boycott Prince of Wales' visit to India.
- 1922 — Allied powers issue ultimatum forbidding Greeks to occupy Constantinople (Istanbul).
- 1937 — Japanese seize Tientsin in China. 18-year-old Crown Prince Farouk is invested as King of Egypt.
- 1940 — Germany's all-out blitz against Britain begins in World War II.
- 1959 — Hawaii votes for first time as one of United States, and elects first orientals to be seated in US Congress.
- 1973 — Voters in Greece endorse decisions by their leaders to abolish Greek monarchy and install George Papadopoulos as the President.
- 1986 — South Africa's President P.W. Botha rejects British Foreign Secretary's plea for unconditional release of Nelson Mandela.
- 1988 — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar denies persistent reports that his peace talks to end Iran-Iraq war are in trouble.

## Growing number of Palestinians killed

## Intifada within intifada

A GROWING number of Palestinians are falling victim to killings by fellow Arabs as the 19-month uprising against Israeli rule drags on without political results.

Eighty-five Palestinians are known to have been killed after being accused of acting as informers or otherwise collaborating with Israel during the revolt in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Many more Palestinians — 321 at last count — have been killed in the uprising, most by Israeli soldiers trying to stop violent protests and stonings.

There are conflicting explanations for the growing number of Palestinians killed by their own people.

Supporters of the uprising say more collaborators are being killed because Israel, using money or pressure, is finding more Palestinians to co-operate with its security agents.

Israeli officials, on the other hand, cite the growing killings as evidence that the Palestine Liberation Organization is using terror to quiet dissent among its own people.

Some Palestinian sources concede that political infighting within the PLO has led to beatings, burning of cars and even slayings. But they say the violence results from rebels challenging PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's call for restraint in the revolt.

"It's an intifada within the intifada," said one Palestinian who agreed to discuss the situation on the basis of anonymity.

For whatever reason, the tempo of mayhem has accelerated. From the start of the uprising in December 1987 to the end of last year, 22 Palestinians were killed by fellow Arabs. So far this year, 62 have been slain.

The figure was arrived at by examining individual killings and questioning Palestinian and Israeli sources familiar with the cases to verify details.

Organizers of the uprising, aimed at ending Israel's 22-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have used brute force against uncooperative Palestinians from the start, even as clashes raged between the territories, residents and the Israeli Army.

Those who challenged the uprising's efforts to break ties with Israel were threatened, beaten and sometimes had their cars or houses set ablaze.

Often the political message was clear.

After the PLO-backed leaders of the uprising called for Palestinians to stop working as police for the military government, a policeman was stabbed to death in Jericho.

## Dumped

His body, wrapped in a Palestinian flag, was dumped on his mother's doorstep. Shortly thereafter, several hundred policemen quit their jobs.

Hassan Tawil, appointed Mayor of the West Bank town of El Bireh by Israel after it deposed the elected mayor, has survived a stabbing attack and had his house set afire during the uprising. He now employs body guards.

Motives for some killings seem religious or moral, especially in attacks by the Muslim fundamentalist movement Hamas, or Zeal, a non-PLO group that has targeted drug dealers and prostitutes.

In other cases, motives have been cloudy, with Palestinians saying a victim was a collaborator, and Israeli Army officials saying he was killed in criminal or family feuds. Palestinians say some of those slain were simply thugs who sold their services to anyone, including Israel.

While Palestinians have maintained the targets were those who thwarted the revolt for selfish reasons, some actions have had political purposes.

Arafat himself issued a public death threat to Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem after Freij suggested suspending the uprising as a signal to encourage Israeli compromise.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, masked men have twice visited and warned local Palestinians who met Israeli officials to discuss the Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied territories as a step toward peace.

In the latter case, however, the PLO announced this week from its headquarters in Tunis that it approved the meetings and was getting reports from Palestinians taking part.

Signs of disunity surfaced in May in the arson attacks on cars of well-known PLO supporters in Ramallah and Nablus and the slaying of a village leader of Arafat's Fatah PLO faction at Yaabed in the West Bank.

PLO supporters deny that rifts among Palestinians have resulted in violence. They blame any

trouble on collaborators or attempts by Israel to foster disunity.

But the PLO supporters also maintain that the pressure to turn the uprising into an armed revolt is growing as Arafat's efforts at compromise draw no political response and Israeli soldiers continue to kill youthful stone throwers.

"Obviously, if the Palestinian initiative hits an impasse, there will be more violence," said Hani Nasar, a supporter of the Popular Front for the liberation of Palestine in Ramallah.

One well-placed Palestinian source, speaking privately, derided PLO claims that the internal debate was not turning violent. He said both the recent car burnings and the killing of the Fatah leader in Yaabed village were evidence of a split in Arafat's own faction. He said the victim was a PLO treasurer who rejected a Fatah rebel's demand for money to escalate the revolt.

The source said the split over tactics reflected both differences among PLO officials abroad and seething resentments by local PLO leaders in the villages and refugee camps that have been the real battleground of the intifada.

## Prison

He said the local leaders were often men who had spent years in prison for anti-Israeli activities but see the real power for guiding the uprising still held by traditional ruling Palestinian families in Arab East Jerusalem.

"These are the graduates of Israeli jails. They are asking, 'Where's my share?'" the source said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Danny Naveh noted this week that the number of killings has grown steadily since Israel's plan for elections was introduced in April. "We believe this is the result of PLO terrorism," he said.

Palestinians deny this allegation, saying Israel has failed to produce one specific case of this type of political slaying — as distinct from killings of collaborators.

Daoud Kuttab, a leading Palestinian journalist, said the increase in collaborator killings results instead from a change in Israeli tactics and an accompanying response by uprising leaders.

(Occupied Jerusalem)

## Resistance may lead to third Indo-Pak war

## Kashmir dream still alive

"SRINAGAR 179 km," reads the signpost outside the Kashmir town of Muzaffarabad, but no one has made the journey for almost 42 years.

Sixty-nine km (43 miles) further on, the road — once the only highway between the outside world and the beautiful vale of Kashmir — comes to a halt at Chakothi.

Here Pakistani and Indian soldiers observe each other through binoculars across the line of control, the 42-year-old ceasefire line which zig-zags across the Kashmir.

The former Himalayan princely state has been divided since 1947, when newly-independent India and Muslim Pakistan fought over it. One-third in the north and west remains under Pakistani control and two-thirds under Indian control.

Since that first Indo-Pakistani war the border, patrolled by United Nations monitors, has changed little.

Political leaders in Azad (free) Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), as Pakistan calls its part, seem as determined as ever to reunite the territory and join it to Pakistan.

The slogan "Kashmir banega Pakistan" (Kashmir will become Pakistan) is everywhere — on banners, politicians' lips and the China in AJK president Abdul Qayyum Khan's Muzaffarabad home.

"The dispute cannot go on indefinitely, things are coming to a close," says the president, credited here with having fired the first shot for pro-Pakistan Kashmiris in 1947.

"There is a movement of resistance inside (India-held) Jammu and Kashmir. It might ultimately lead to a war of liberation, it might lead to another Indo-Pakistan war."

"The day will come when the whole of Jammu and Kashmir will be united, by the lapse of time," adds the more cautious AJK prime minister, Sikander Hayat Khan. "On the other side the youngsters, the educated people want it."

India sees things differently. For New Delhi, all of Kashmir is an integral part of secular, Hindu-majority India. The dispute, cause of two of the three Indo-Pakistan wars, is still an emotive obstacle to good relations.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi raised Pakistani hackles at a news conference in Islamabad on July 17 when he bluntly ruled out any chance of a plebiscite in which Kashmiris could say which country they want to belong to.

This is a long-standing Pakistani demand, based on a UN decision in 1947.

## Dispute

For Gandhi the 1972 Simla agreement, which said the Kashmir dispute should be settled by negotiation, suppressed all other understandings. He told the news conference that Kashmiris had voted in many elections since 1947.

"Those elections were for legislative purposes," Hayat Khan reported in an interview. "People were not offered (the chance) to vote for India or Pakistan." Pro-independence or pro-Pakistan parties were barred from contesting, he added.

The origins of the dispute lie in history. When Britain's Indian empire was divided in 1947, areas with Muslim majorities were allotted to Islamic Pakistan and the rest to India.

Kashmir had an overwhelmingly Muslim population, but its ruling princely family was Hindu. The last Maharaja, Hari Singh, opted for India, though Pakistanis say he did so well after Muslim uprising had thrown him out of Srinagar.

India flew in troops — there was no direct land route until a road tunnel was built in 1962 — and secured control of most of the land and population. Since taking office last December, Pakistan Prime



Kashmiris carrying protest black flags drive to a U.N. office near Islamabad to present a memorandum during Rajiv Gandhi's visit to the Pakistani capital on July 16.

Minister Benazir Bhutto has made it a foreign policy priority to end the stand-off with India. Enormous sums of money needed for development are consumed on spending for the military, drawn up on either side of the Indo-Pakistan border.

Gandhi's visit provoked protest demonstrations and the AJK government has strongly criticised Bhutto for inviting him.

"Unless this Kashmir problem is solved, there cannot be any real friendship, any lasting friendship between Pakistan and India, an AJK information ministry official said.

Qayyum Khan, 65, a political foe of Bhutto, said that unless India agreed to negotiate, further conflict was inescapable.

"The Kashmiris themselves will resume the war of liberation," he said. "We will lend them any support. We can send our young people to fight with them on the other side, we can send them funds, we can send arms. Nobody can stop us."

Up the Jhelum valley at Chakothi all is peace. Shooting incidents occur occasionally elsewhere on the line of control and at its eastern end battles have been regularly fought on the uncharted Siachen glacier.

For several years nothing has disturbed the teeming bird population at Chakothi as India has removed all civilians for several km (miles) from its side of the border.

Once a week officers of the UN military observers group in India and Pakistan come from their bases on either side and meet at a narrow footbridge crossing a ravine sown with mines.

Bored Pakistani and Indian troops play volleyball, though not against each other. Pakistani officers say they have no contact at all with their counterparts 100 metres (yards) away.

The rival armies sit in earth and stone bunkers, trenches and guardposts dotting the hillsides and watch each other. (Reuter — Chakothi)

## Sri Lanka headed for collapse

## Slide inevitable

SRI LANKA, beset by two vicious guerrilla wars and its population in fear, may be heading for collapse. Western and Asian diplomats say.

It's heading downhill fast. The economy is shrinking daily, politics are a mess and society is breaking down. It's very hard right now to see how the slide can be halted," said one senior Asian envoy.

"What it has come down to is power really does come from the barrel of a gun, said a Western colleague.

The guns are in the hands of Tamil guerrillas in the north fighting Indian troops that Colombo has tried and failed to get out, the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP) and security forces widely accused of running death squads.

Many Sri Lankans say the only certainty in their lives is fear.

Indian troops, now numbering 45,000, were brought under an accord signed two years ago to help end a Tamil rebellion in which thousands of people, including 1,000 Indian soldiers, have been killed.

New Delhi refuses to withdraw the troops by a July 29 deadline set by Colombo, saying a bloodbath would ensue as Tamil guerrillas thrust to take power in the north.

The front wields considerable control over large areas of the south, killing in gruesome ways security men, officials, suspected informers and alleged criminals.

The security forces, according to human rights activists and ordinary citizens, are trying to crush the front by fear.

They say the favoured method is to tie a truck tyre to the torso of a suspected rebel with wire, burn him and leave the charred corpse as a prominent warning not to help the front.

## Angry

"If my neighbour is angry with me, all he has to do is tell the police my son is JVP and that's the end of him," said one woman who lives just south of Colombo.

One policeman in the area said that often front suspects would be released by police, only to be picked up and killed by the death squads.

"Some JVP rounded up in a sweep led with us not to release them. They know what's going to happen," he said.

Colombo human rights lawyer Prins Gunasekera has had three assistants killed in the last year.

"The human rights record of this government is putrid and getting worse," he told reporters.

Gunasekera said that last year lawyers presented 508 writs of habeas corpus to the appeals court in Colombo asking that detainees be produced in person to verify they were still alive. About 30 per cent were demands for medical treatment for detainees alleged to have been tortured.

So far this year, 356 applications have been made. The murder of his assistants was a message to stop filing them, he said.

Those numbers represent no more than five or 10 per cent of disappearances after detention. Most people feel a sense of helplessness, that their sons are dead and there is nothing they can do," he said.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa, elected last December, has held peace talks with the Tamil Tigers and would like similar sessions with the front, diplomats said.

But they said any accord reached could be no more than temporary. "There is no rational basis for the belief that peace can be achieved by agreement," said one senior diplomat.

"The Tigers will settle for nothing less than control of the north and the JVP's only aim is to bring down the government. They will not stop until they win or are beaten into the ground." (Colombo — Reuter)

## Quote me

"I've got pains where I didn't even know I had parts." — Mike Corbett after climbing Mt El Capitan at Yosemite National Park in California.

"Each vote cast is a bullet fired at the heart of Iran's enemies." — Jomhuri Islami daily said about the Iran elections.

"I vote, you vote, we vote for freedom and independence, so that our children will live happy, healthy, free and proud thanks to the revolution." — Iran television said in an effort to get voters.

"Most spies get paid. If they don't confess, you go through their bank accounts trying to find every honest dollar they made and then through their expenditures and their tax returns, trying to prove that their net worth shows they've been making \$500,000 or \$50,000 in unaccounted for income." — James Nolan, US FBI spy hunter said in an interview.

"I want to assure your honour that I will abide because I cherish the relationship with America." Aodhan Khashoggi said as he faced US district Judge John Keenan.

"This time around, we are aware we have to have a new leader whose leadership can be forseen in longer terms." — Ryutaro Hashimoto, secretary-general of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan said during an interview.

"It is something we want to accomplish in the long run. In order to accomplish the greater goal of forming a coalition government, we have to overlook some minor disagreements." — Takako Doi, chairwoman of the Japanese Socialist Party said during a campaign.

"I don't think kidnapping and violence help the cause of peace." US President George Bush said about the Israeli kidnapping of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, leader of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

"Tennents are a very responsible company and are against the abuse of alcohol as much as the health education group. They have an excellent track record." — Scottish Football Association president Peter Gardner after agreeing with Tennents on a four-year deal to sponsor the Scottish Cup.

"I looked for my friend for a moment but I couldn't find him, so I looked for my bag and I couldn't find that either. So I jumped out of the door." — A South Korean survivor of the DC-10 plane crash in Libya said.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Irresponsibility

SIR: The MEW recently allocated funds to its different departments to be distributed among all its employees as bonuses. The department directors, who were entrusted with the task, chose, however, to divide the sum among only a handful of the 60-70 workers under them. Surely this is a gross injustice.

I suggest the ministry make a note of this

and, in the future, take the necessary steps to ensure that similar funds actually do get to the employees for whom they are intended.

MEW employee  
Name and address supplied

## Misplaced loyalties

SIR: I would like to ask the American and European governments why they have not cut their

ties with the Israeli government after the Israeli minister's extremist call to kill PLO leader Yasser Arafat. They had been brave enough in cutting ties with Iran when Rushdie was ordered to be killed. They favoured a man who had insulted the religion of more than a billion people. Now why can't they favour a man who has done nothing but try to free a nation from occupation?

A.R.A. Sadik,  
Maiden Hawally.

July 29, 1990



## MIDEAST BRIEFS

## King to visit US

NICOSIA, July 28. (Reuters) King Fahd of Saudi Arabia will fly to the United States on Sept 14 for a visit designed to consolidate the kingdom's efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East and elsewhere, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said.

An official announcement of the new date for the visit, originally planned for July 27 but postponed because of Fahd's efforts with other Arab leaders to mediate a settlement in Lebanon were at a sensitive stage, was made yesterday.

## Prince meets Bush

WASHINGTON, July 28. (KUNA) The governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, yesterday expressed Saudi Arabia's thanks to President George Bush and the American people for hosting a major exhibition dealing with the history and culture of the kingdom.

The meeting followed a 45-minute parley with State Department Secretary James Baker earlier in the day. Prince Salman and Baker were joined by Dennis Ross, the State Department's Mideast policy planning director.

## Agreement signed

LONDON, July 28. (KUNA) The British and Swedish governments signed an agreement here yesterday giving Sweden formal responsibility for protection of UK diplomatic interests in Iran.

The accord, the first of its kind, covers administrative, humanitarian and consular interests, though not commercial relations, the British Foreign Office said.

Sweden represented British interests in Tehran between 1980 and 1988, and has done so again since the closure of the British embassy there last February.

## Meetings set

MOSCOW, July 28. (KUNA) Soviet-American consultations on Afghanistan will take place in Stockholm on Monday and Tuesday, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov announced at a news briefing here yesterday.

He said they will deal with only the Afghan topic and there are no other issues on the agenda.

## Explosives found

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 28. (AP) Afghan security forces on Wednesday discovered 11 pounds (5 kilograms) of explosives in a bag left beside a shop in a crowded Kabul vegetable market, the government said.

Twenty-four hours earlier, residents discovered a briefcase behind a state store and it also contained a cache of explosives, the government said.

The discoveries, which could not be independently confirmed, were reported at a time of stepped-up rocket attacks and a car bombing in the Afghan capital that have killed more than 200 people in the last month.

## Minister in US

NICOSIA, July 28. (Reuters) Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa left for the United States today for talks on regional issues.

The Gulf News Agency, received in Nicosia, said during his four-day visit Sheikh Mohammed will deliver a message to President George Bush from Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

## Hashish seized

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 28. (AP) Cyprus Coast Guards have confiscated 600 kilograms (1,323 pounds) of hashish aboard a Turkish boat and arrested its six crew members, the official Cyprus News Agency reported Wednesday.

It said the vessel, named Karmasia, was intercepted late Tuesday night "moving suspiciously" off Cape Greco on the island's southeastern coast.

There was hashish packed in tubes, which the crew members, who included an Egyptian, tried to get rid of by throwing them into the sea, it said. The source of the hashish and the boat's destination were not mentioned.

## Cairo visit slated

CAIRO, July 28. (KUNA) US Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly arrives here next week on a two-day state visit to Egypt at the first leg of his tour of the region.

The US official is scheduled to discuss the Palestinian question and reactions to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir's elections plan in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## Rebels kill 3

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, July 28. (Reuters) Kurdish rebels killed three people and hit government buildings with rockets in a series of attacks in southeastern Turkey, security sources said on Wednesday.

In the raids, launched within several hours on Tuesday night, rebels of the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) shot dead a child in Akdüzgen village in Siirt province. They killed a soldier and wounded another in a clash with troops as they fled.

A PKK squad raided Elmabache village in the neighbouring province of Mardin where they shot dead one man, the sources added.

## Israeli envoy

ATLANTA, July 28. (AP) The first Arab to head an Israeli diplomatic mission is leaving his post as consul general in Atlanta.

Mohammed Khalid Massarwa, 46, said yesterday that the Israeli Foreign Ministry told him his two-year term would not be extended because the ministry was considering closing the Atlanta consulate.

An Israeli Embassy spokesman in Washington, David Peleg, said there are no immediate plans to close the consulate, but he would not discuss the reasons for not extending Massarwa's appointment. A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Israel said Massarwa was a political appointee and had completed his two-year assignment.



A nurse walks among the rubble of the Islamic old age hospital which was hit by a rocket during the eight hours of shelling across Beirut on Thursday. Two elderly people were killed and 10 others were wounded. (Reuters wirephoto)



Children huddle near a tent which their family erected on the roof of a building in the south Lebanese town of Sidon after fleeing fierce artillery duels in Beirut. Thousands of Beirutis have fled over the past week to the south and the mountains. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tripartite committee

RABAT, July 28. (KUNA) The Foreign Minister of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia will hold a meeting in Rabat tomorrow to evaluate their action in the context of the mission entrusted to the Arab tripartite committee on Lebanon.

The meeting will be held after the latest mission (July 12) of the three foreign ministers to Syria where they conferred with President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, a communique of the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation said.

The foreign ministers' meeting is part of the prolongation of their mission in the region and of the contacts that took place between the three heads of state, members of the tripartite committee, namely King Hassan II, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, the communique said.

## Grip tightened on S. Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, July 28. (AP) Israel and its Christian militia allies have strengthened their grip on southern Lebanon in the last six months, according to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Israel and its ally, the South Lebanon Army, control a 6-to-9-mile (10-15 kms) deep "security zone" in southern Lebanon to protect Israel's northern villages from commando attacks over the border.

The so-called "security zone" prevents peacekeepers of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from deploying to the border to separate Israeli and Lebanese forces, the UN chief said in a report to the Security Council released Wednesday.

Positions occupied by Israel and the South Lebanon Army have increased 18.5 per cent this year, said Perez de Cuellar.

"At the same time there has been an increase both in attempts by armed elements to infiltrate Israel and in attacks by the Israeli Air Force on targets in Lebanon as well to the north of the UNIFIL area. International peace and security has therefore not been restored," he said.

The secretary-general called on the Security Council to renew the mandate of UNIFIL for another six months. Approval is expected in a council meeting scheduled for Monday.

UN peacekeepers counted 98 raids by Arab resistance groups in the area against Israeli occupation forces and their militia allies in the six-month reporting period, says the report.

During the same period, UNIFIL tallied 112 "unprovoked firings" of artillery or mortar shells and tank rounds by Israeli and allied militias near UN peacekeeping posts, the report says.

'I have killed so many I can't count': Niaz  
Afghan Rambo — a real one-man war machine

JALALABAD, Afghanistan, July 28. (AP) Like Rambo, the fictional one-man fighting machine of American movies, Mohammad Niaz, the 22-year-old son of an Afghan farmer, is an expert in conventional and guerrilla warfare, and largely runs his own war.

But there's one crucial difference — Niaz's war is real. Also unlike Rambo, who almost single-handedly set out to decimate the Soviet Army in Afghanistan, Niaz is fighting for the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

"I love killing enemies. I have killed so many I can't count," Niaz said as he adjusted the crossbelt holding 200 bullets around his chest and waist. Government authorities presented him to reporters

visiting Jalalabad, a strategic city about 125 kilometres (75 miles) east of Kabul.

The government has recruited many men who, like Niaz, have a personal reason to fight the Muslim rebels trying to overthrow President Najib and his government. They receive weapons and supplies and great freedom to operate independently.

Niaz signed on three years ago after a close friend was killed by the Pakistan-based resistance.

"Fighters like Niaz are the strength of the government (forces)," said an Army officer who asked not to be identified by name.

"For regular soldiers it is often difficult to counter the opponents who are

fighting a guerrilla warfare. But when the opponents (rebels) face men like Niaz they face a perfect rebel," the officer said.

Jalalabad, which once had a population of about 65,000 and has been under siege since early March, has been the scene of some of the deadliest battles during the decade-long war between government troops and the US-backed rebels.

Fighters such as Niaz receive training, arms and ammunition and then are let loose to carry on their battles the way they want. They also receive money and food, but officers won't say how much.

"There are many lesser Ramboes in Afghanistan who are initiated by the government to fight their own battles

and in the process fight the government's war against the rebels," said one Asian military expert, speaking on condition of anonymity.

When Niaz was 10, his father — like many Afghans do for their male children — bought him a gun.

"As a young boy I was good with guns for hunting. But now I can take on the best soldiers," he said.

"I can use all weapons and I also carry a stiletto," he said, clutching a Soviet-made light machine-gun in one hand and stroking hand grenades in his pocket with the other hand.

The 7mm LMG holds bullets in a 40-round curved magazine and 75-round drum.

## Big turnout causes extension of polling

## Iranians vote for President

TEHRAN, July 28. (AP) Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said today that voting in a presidential election and a referendum on constitutional changes was so heavy that polling stations will stay open at extra two hours.

The early turnout in Tehran was sluggish despite the exhortations of Iranian leaders over the last few days for a massive demonstrations of unity.

Only a few dozen people were seen at polling stations in Tehran after they opened at 7 am (0430 GMT), although voting appeared to pick up

later. Mohtashemi told Tehran Radio at noon (0830 GMT) that it was so intense in some provinces that "the polling stations are asking for more personnel ... because of the crowds."

He said polling will be extended for two hours beyond the scheduled 5 pm (1330 GMT) closing time.

Among the voters was Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, frontrunner in the two-hour presidential race that is virtually certain of winning with a landslide vote.

Rafsanjani, 55, was so confident of victory that he did not bother campaigning. Diplomatic sources said he has already lined up a cabinet that includes economists and technocrats.

His only challenger is former Agriculture Minister Abbas Sheibani, 58, a one-time student activist against the Shah in the 1940s. He spent 13 years in prison before the revolution toppled the monarchy.

There was no official word on when the results of the two ballots will be announced.

Prime Minister Hussein Mussavi, another of the early voters in the capital, said: "The participation is fantastic in some of the polling stations I've visited in Tehran — just as we expected."

The radical Mussavi will lose his job in the expected approval of constitutional changes that propose scrapping the post of premier and centralizing authority in the presidency.

Newspaper polls have predicted that Rafsanjani, a middle-ranking cleric, will take 86 per cent of the vote to lead Iran into a new era following the death June of Ayatollah Khomeini, founder of the Islamic republic.

Displaying the political acumen that has made him one of Iran's most popular leaders, Rafsanjani voted at a special booth in the courtyard of the revered Khomeini's modest residence in the north Tehran suburb of Jamaran.

Rafsanjani cast two votes in separate boxes standing side by side on a flower-garlanded table — one for the presidential ballot, the other for the referendum — while camera crews from Iran's state-run television network, controlled by Rafsanjani's brother, filmed him.

"I'm happy to see the people voting, and this proves that the revolution is strong. But I'm sorry the Imam is no longer with us," Rafsanjani said.

About 100 Revolutionary Guards and local residents, chanting "God is great," cheered the urbanised Rafsanjani when he arrived to vote and walked down a path strewn with flowers.

Khomeini's son, Ahmed, Rafsanjani's political rival, also voted at his father's house. He told reporters: "I had thought of bringing the Imam's identity card here as well so that he too could vote."

Prosecutor-General Mohammad Musavi Khoeiniha, who led the so-called "militant students" who stormed the US embassy in Tehran in November 1979, also voted at Khomeini's house with other senior Iranian religious and political figures.

President Ali Khamenei, who was elected Khomeini's successor as Iran's religious leader the day after Khomeini died, was the first to vote at a special polling station, number 1980, set up in a marquee in the spacious gardens of the presidential palace in central Tehran.

"The Ministry of Defence vetoed us negotiating," he said.

A ministry spokeswoman said the government was standing by its 1985 guidelines forbidding British sales of "lethal equipment" to either Iran or Iraq.

Although the two nations' eight-year Gulf war was stopped by a UN-mediated ceasefire last year, negotiations have so far failed to produce a peace treaty.

"It's not going ahead," the ministry spokeswoman said of the deal. "That's the state of play at the moment."



A veiled Iranian woman casts her vote for Iran's presidential elections at the Iranian consulate in Dubai, UAE. Iranian officials estimated 100,000 Iranian expatriates voted in the UAE yesterday. On the right is the portrait of late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Near-certain election signals new era

## Rafsanjani, 'the shark'

NICOSIA, July 28. (AP) Hashemi Rafsanjani, the overwhelming favourite to become the fourth President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is known to his countrymen as "Kush," the shark.

Some say this is because of his political ruthlessness and cunning, as well as business acumen that has made him a millionaire, that he masks behind a smile and a shy wit.

Others attribute it to his lack of facial hair, revealing his Mongolian ancestry, in a nation where beards are the badge of revolutionary manhood.

Rafsanjani's near-certain election is likely to cement the 55-year-old charismatic cleric's hold on power following the death of his mentor, Ayatollah Khomeini, June 3.

His partnership with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Khomeini's successor as religious leader and Rafsanjani's predecessor as president, is seen by many as signalling a new era in Iranian politics.

Both men advocate rebuilding bridges with the West, a move stymied in February when Khomeini decreed a death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel, The Satanic Verses and plunged Iran into a new confrontation with the West.

Constitutional reforms due for approval in a national referendum, being held at the same time as the election, give the presidency more powers than it has had since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Thus Rafsanjani will wield far greater influence than his predecessors.

Rafsanjani is a hojatoleslam, or middle-ranking cleric, and has been a central figure in Khomeini's revolution. He was jailed for several years under the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi before he was toppled in 1979.

He is reported to have survived several assassination attempts since then and to have crushed his rivals with brutal efficiency.

Like many Iranian leaders, who have seen their

peers killed in the revolution's political maelstrom, Rafsanjani moves around Tehran in an armoured-plated limousine and is constantly surrounded by bodyguards.

He dominated the Majlis, Iran's parliament, after it was formed in 1980 and built up strong support among the 350,000-strong Revolutionary Guards corps, which he briefly commanded, and Iran's critical power centres.

Rafsanjani was close to Khomeini throughout the revolutionary patriarch's 10 turbulent years as Iran's leader.

Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, Iran's first president who was forced to flee when hardliners turned on him in 1981, said before Khomeini died that Rafsanjani ingratiated himself with the Iranian leader by playing the court jester.

"He's a man who makes people laugh," Bani-Sadr said in an interview in exile in France. "It's a great art. He uses this to gain his objectives."

Bani-Sadr said his erstwhile revolutionary colleague is a Machiavellian figure.

"He's a political animal," he said. "He's not brilliant as an organizer and he doesn't have too many original ideas, but he's a manipulator and he's highly intelligent." Bani-Sadr said.

Rafsanjani played a crucial role in giving the Islamic revolution direction in its early days and during the eight-year war with Iraq.

His rise was rapid under Khomeini's mantle, fuelled by a thirst for power, according to diplomats and others who know him.

During the war, Rafsanjani was Khomeini's representative on the nine-man Supreme Defence Council, which determined military strategy.

In June last year, Khomeini gave him control of military affairs, charging him with the task of reversing Iran's defeats in the war and welding its dispirited and fractious forces into an effective fighting machine.

## Killing of Kurdish leader described

NICOSIA, July 28. (AP) An Iranian diplomat wounded in the shooting of Kurdish rebel leader Abdul Rahman Qassemloo in Vienna two weeks ago gave his first account of the incident yesterday, saying only one assailant was involved, Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Mohammed Jaafari Saharoodi as saying Qassemloo, leader of the outlawed Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran, was to answer certain questions put forth by the Iranian government during the July 13 meeting.

He claimed that Qassemloo, 59, had requested permission to return to Iran and an amnesty for some Iranian Kurds.

KDPI officials have admitted that Qassemloo had been negotiating with Tehran, holding two sessions with Iranian diplomats in December and January.

They charged Tehran had set Qassemloo's death trap. Iraq and Iran's main opposition group, Mujahadeen Khalq, or People's Warriors, also have accused Iran of killing Qassemloo.

Tehran has blamed Iraq. It said Iraqi agents killed Qassemloo to block a rapprochement between Tehran and Iranian Kurds, traditionally backed by Iraq.

One of two aides killed with Qassemloo was Fadhil Rassoul, an Iraqi Kurd with Austrian citizenship. Saharoodi described Rassoul as a "Muslim intellectual and a friend of the Islamic Republic."

Saharoodi was shot in the mouth. He first was treated in Vienna and flown this week to Tehran.

Tehran radio said he was still recovering at a hospital, but that he is now able to talk.

He quoted him as saying Qassemloo "had realised after 10 years of opposing the Islamic Republic that negotiating with Iran was in his best interest."

"It was the third meeting, at which we were to pose some questions and Qassemloo was to answer them. It was about 7:10 pm, and close to the end of the meeting," Saharoodi said.

"The flat was very small, and I was sitting directly in front of the door. Suddenly an assailant burst the door open, and in a split second he shot me in the mouth. As I was falling to the ground, I was shot again twice in the arm."

"I hit the floor, my head hit a sofa," he said.

"I remember only that I was bleeding severely from the mouth and the neck. It took me 20 or 25 minutes to recover. I struggled to the street downstairs, where I was helped by passersby and taken to hospital," he said.

The Kurds are an ethnic minority of some 20 million living in Turkey, Iran and Iraq and in small enclaves of about 500,000 each in Syria and the Soviet Union.

Israelis kidnap ...

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moved north of their self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon and taken prisoners.

President George Bush indirectly criticised Israel today for seizing Obeid, saying such acts do not advance peace in the Middle East.

At a White House news conference, a reporter asked whether the "kidnapping" of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid by Israeli commandos who flew by helicopter into south Lebanon would help the peace process during a delicate period in diplomacy.

"I don't think kidnapping and violence helps the cause of peace," the President said.

Tehran today branded Israel's kidnapping, an act of state terrorism and vowed Muslims would retaliate.



## Hussein offers very free elections

WASHINGTON, July 28, (KUNA): Jordan's King Hussein says he is leaning toward a loosening of political restrictions for November's parliamentary election, his country's first in 22 years.

Speaking in an interview with the Christian Science Monitor newspaper, the king stopped short of suggesting a rewrite of the constitution and laws strictly limiting organised political activity. For instance, political parties are currently outlawed in Jordan.

But King Hussein said he was intent on "a very free election," adding, "...any small restrictions that are within the law... I would have a tendency to waive. I have enough confidence in the people of Jordan — their political maturity."

The election announcement is one of a series of moves by the Jordanian monarch to restore political and economic stability in the wake of food riots earlier this year.

Jordan recently concluded an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) worth roughly \$100 million over the next 18 months, and officials are hoping this will pave the way for other loan and rescheduling agreements.

King Hussein portrayed the IMF accord as part of an overall economic readjustment at home.

"It is going to be a difficult period for a while," he said. "But we are determined to stand on our own, repay our debts, rejuvenate our economy and, certainly, as far as political life is concerned, we will have elections very soon."

On wider Mideast issues, the king said Washington's dialogue with the PLO was crucial to peace moves. He felt it essential that "there be some results — soon — to narrow the gap between the Palestinians and the Israelis."

Asked about recent suggestions by some in the US Congress that the dialogue be limited or ended, he said:

"That would be disastrous. We would go back to square one... there are extremists waiting to destroy any chances for progress — on both sides of the conflict."

### Sailor missing

MANAMA, Bahrain, July 28, (AP): A search was under way in the Gulf yesterday for an American sailor who disappeared aboard the destroyer USS Conolly late Wednesday, US officials said.

A naval spokesman, Joseph Bartlett, said the sailor was believed to have fallen overboard. His identity was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

### UN role discussed

## Talks on drugs

MOSCOW, July 28, (Reuters): The United States and the Soviet Union discussed co-operation against terrorism and the illegal drug trade earlier this week — issues expected to come up at the UN General Assembly session beginning in September.

US Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton told reporters here today they had discussed a strengthened UN role in combating terrorism, using specialised world agencies such as the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

"We hope to have a resolution on terrorism that will avoid some of the political confrontation that has arisen in connection with that issue before and to continue it to the evils that terrorist acts themselves represent," he said.

Speaking at the same news conference, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said: "I think the eradication of terrorism should become one of the important tasks for the years to come in order to have a secure world."

The two officials also presented united views on fighting international drug trafficking.

Federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann named the Irish Republican Army, the Kurdish Workers' Party and a radical Palestinian faction as groups that authorities had been warned to watch closely during the busy summer travel period.

# Israel forbidden to give up West Bank: chief rabbis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 28, (AP): Israel's chief rabbis issued a religious ruling saying that under Jewish law, Israel is forbidden to withdraw from the occupied West Bank, a spokesman said today.

In response, a left-leaning religious legislator accused the chief rabbinate of interfering in politics, and another politician called for an investigation of the country's highest religious body.

In the one-page ruling published

today, Israel's chief rabbis argued that "Pikuach Nefesh," a central idea in Judaism saying that saving life overshadows other religious commandments, does not stipulate occupied territories should be abandoned.

Rabbinate spokesman Eitan Aizman interpreted the ruling this way: "The chief rabbis are saying: It is a religious commandment to retain the land of Israel in our hands."

Israel media reports said the ruling

was issued in response to a statement by Israel's former chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last week that Hala-cha, or the body of Jewish religious teaching, justifies a land compromise as a matter of saving lives.

The chief rabbis' ruling referred only to Judea and Samaria, the biblical names for the West Bank, and did not mention the occupied Gaza Strip.

It was published a day after Israel's

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made an impassioned, fist-thumping speech to a group of leading rabbis in occupied Jerusalem for retaining all occupied land.

"It's possible to reach peace without heaven forbid, giving up a grain of the holy land of our forefathers," Shamir declared. "Peace is not a monopoly of the traitors, concession-makers and defeatists."

The chief rabbinate said that prior to

Israel's creation in 1948, some rabbis thought the country should not come into being because that way, bloodshed could be avoided and lives saved.

The rabbinate said it was "surprised and sorrowful" because Jews could tell a "non-Jewish ruler: We are obliged by law to hold on to Judea and Samaria but you are prepared to kill Jews if we don't withdraw. Therefore, we have to withdraw."

Furthermore, it said, the claim of

saving lives "obliges us not to retreat from the borders we hold today... withdrawal of the Israeli Army may increase the danger of fatal attacks from the abandoned territory."

The chief rabbinate is presided over by Israel's two chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu representing Sephardi Jews from Middle Eastern countries and Avraham Shapira representing Ashkenazi Jews from Europe and America.



All smiles

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir smiles today as he sits between Israel's two chief rabbis prior to making a speech to hundreds of Israeli rabbis in a crowded Jerusalem hotel. At left is chief Sephardi Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and at right chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Avraham Shapira. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Soviets appeal Ankara, Sofia

'Negotiate a solution'

ANKARA, July 28, (Agencies): The Soviet Union has appealed to Turkey and Bulgaria to negotiate a solution for the exodus of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria, which officially soared to 202,000 immigrants this week.

"Both sides basically agree to talks but there are hitches. They must make efforts to close the distance," said Soviet Ambassador Albert Chernichev on his return on Wednesday from his fourth trip to Moscow in a month.

Last May, Bulgaria began deporting ethnic Turks, who number more than one million, after subjecting them to a government campaign to force them to adopt slavic names, restricted Muslim rites and banned use of the Turkish language.

Turkey has mobilised an absorption effort, housing thousands in tent camps and pressuring private employers to give them jobs, despite a nationwide unemployment rate of 16 per cent.

Earlier this week, Britain made a gesture to help its NATO ally by sending British Minister Lynda Chalker with a £300,000 (\$492,000) check for the Bulgarian emigrants and Kurdish refugees from Iraq.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry on Wednesday announced that the influx over the border had reached 202,000, and showed no signs of slackening. Thousands are pouring over day and night, dragging carts with their possessions on foot or on car racks, or aboard overcrowded trains.

Among those arriving Wednesday was a world champion weightlifter, Erdinc Kasimoglu, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

A Foreign Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Turkey did not share the Soviet ambassador's optimism.

"He is mediating but so far there is no change in the Bulgarian position and we are unlikely to change ours," the official told the Associated Press.

Ambassador Chernichev, talking to reporters at Ankara's Esenboga airport, said "my com-

ing and goings are not in vain. A certain distance has already been covered but there is still some way to go."

■ The prime minister of break-away North Cyprus said today he would look favourably on pleas for a new home from two refugee families from Bulgaria.

### Agenda

Al Seyassah reporter Hussain Salameh adds: The issue of the Muslim minority in Bulgaria may be included in the agenda of the next Non-Aligned Movement summit, due to be held in Yugoslavia in the first week of September this year, informed diplomatic sources in Kuwait said today.

The sources added that a number of Islamic countries in the movement were currently holding consultations about raising the issue during the movement's Sept 1-2 foreign ministers' meeting, which will prepare for the summit meeting on Sept 4.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will lead Kuwait's delegation to the preparatory meeting while HH the Amir will head the Kuwaiti delegation to the summit meeting.

According to the sources, Kuwait is pinning great hopes on the summit. It was also learnt that the Kuwaiti delegation has already prepared notes on the most important issues likely to figure at the summit. But the sources said that the summit will pay more attention to economic problems facing the movement members.

The diplomatic sources did not rule out the possibility that a number of Islamic states in the Non-Aligned Movement may raise the issue of the Muslim minority of Turkish origin in Bulgaria, especially when the Bulgarian atrocities towards them are still continuing. The Bulgarian authorities are planning to merge the Turkish Muslim minority into the society by forcing them to change their names and religion. These actions have led to most of them migrating to Turkey.

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IRA members are suspected in the death of a British soldier killed by a car bomb at the base near Hanover on July 2, as well as in the June 19 bombing of a military barracks at another British base near Osnabrueck.

## North frees 8 Greek-Cypriots

NICOSIA, July 28, (Reuters): Eight Greek-Cypriot men were released from a Turkish-Cypriot jail today and returned across the island's ceasefire line waving blue and white towels, the Greek national colours, from a United Nations van.

Of 111 people seized by Turkish-Cypriot riot police after demonstrators stormed into the Nicosia buffer zone on July 19, two are still in jail in the north — Bishop Chrysostomos of Larnaca and another priest.

The green line protest, staged to mark the anniversary of Turkey's 1974 invasion, and the jailing of demonstrators have further soured relations between the communities at a delicate stage of UN-sponsored reunification talks.

A meeting between Cyprus President George Vassiliou and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash, due to have taken place today, has been postponed.

The priests will be held until next Thursday if they continue refusing to pay fines. Most of the arrested demonstrators were women, the last of whom were freed on Tuesday.

After an emotional welcome on the Greek-Cypriot side of the buffer strip, the eight men freed today said they had been on hunger strike since Monday because they were banned from holding a religious service.

Press photographer Stelios Papayianou said he was badly beaten during his arrest on July 19 and woke up in hospital the next day.

Another press photographer, Makarios Droushiotis, told reporters some sympathetic Turkish Cypriots had helped them but said supporters of Denkash had attacked them. "They beat us and threw stones at us. They were all Denkash people."

Some of the men said they were blindfolded and interrogated but described prison conditions as adequate.

Turkey invaded Cyprus in 1974 after a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the junta then ruling Greece.

A United Nations special representative, pressing for progress in the faltering reunification talks, recently presented the two sides with a detailed blueprint for a federal republic.

### Arafat meets king

RABAT, July 28, (Reuters): PLO chief Yasser Arafat held talks on his new Middle East peace plan with King Hassan of Morocco last night, an official source said in Rabat today.

# Any softening of stand denied

Israel fabricates reports: PLO

TUNIS, Tunisia, July 28, (AP): The PLO's conditions for agreeing to a proposal for elections in the occupied territories, as conveyed by a Soviet official and other intermediaries, have not changed from its publicly stated positions, a spokesman said today.

Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, the Palestine Liberation Organisation spokesman, said in a telephone interview that news reports of a softened stance were "fabricated by the Israeli leadership."

"The PLO position is that we are for elections but in the context of a comprehensive settlement," Abdel-Rahman said. The PLO wants this

plan, with talks to be held later on the final status of the territories.

Shamir has made clear that the PLO's conditions are unacceptable, and says he would refuse to deal with what Israel considers a terrorist organisation even if they abandoned those conditions.

Labour Party legislators in Israel have said a softened PLO position has been set out in a US government document. An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday that the document was relayed to Israel by Soviet Middle East envoy Gennady Terasov, who met an aide to Vice-Premier Shimon Peres after holding talks earlier with Arafat.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutweiler denied that such a memorandum existed.

Abdel-Rahman confirmed that Terasov met first with Arafat, then with the Peres aide, but said he relayed the well-established PLO conditions for accepting elections.

The PLO spokesman said Israeli leaders were behind the reports of a softened stance "so they can say to the Americans that the PLO is coming to their position... Mr Shamir is trying to win time."

In occupied Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens defended contacts with Palestinians in the occupied territories today, saying failure to consult them was one of Israel's greatest mistakes of the past two decades.

Arens, considered a hardline member of the coalition government, ridiculed political rivals further to the right who had criticised the government's talks with Palestinians about Israeli peace proposals.

"It is hard for me to understand the logic of anyone who says we must stay in the territory... to live together with this Arab population but not to speak with them," Arens told Army radio.

Shamir has held a series of secret meetings with Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that have aroused political controversy in Israel.

Jamil Tarifi, a West Bank lawyer who is a declared supporter of the PLO, has confirmed that he met Shamir but Arens reiterated that the government would not negotiate with the PLO.

■ Arafat said yesterday a Palestinian lawyer who met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir did so "with the knowledge and approval of the Palestinian leadership," the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

■ A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation official says the group has not authorised anyone to negotiate with the Israeli government, the Kuwait daily Al-Watan reported today.

■ Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation to drop its peace initiative, saying Israel is opposed to making peace with the Arabs, the daily An-Anbea reported yesterday.

The justice department has been trying for 2 1/2

complete settlement to specify that the final result of negotiations will be an independent Palestinian state, he said.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has suggested frequently that the peace plan drawn up for Namibia could be used as a model, with at least a partial withdrawal of the occupying military force, internationally supervised elections, and a 27-month timetable guaranteeing independence on a specific date.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has proposed elections in which the 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip would choose representatives to negotiate an interim self-rule



Peace talks

Former US President Jimmy Carter accompanied by Ethiopian Vice-President Fesseha Desta walks to his plane after morning session talks in Addis Ababa with President Mengistu Haile Mariam on the proposed peace talks with the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF). Carter was heading to Sudan where he was to meet the Head of State Omar Bashir this afternoon. (Reuter wirephoto)

## SPLA agrees to peace talks

Bashir meets Mengistu

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, July 28, (AP): Southern Sudanese rebels today said they had agreed to peace talks with Sudan's new military rulers but that no date had been set.

Maj Deng Alor, a spokesman for the Sudan People's Liberation Army, said only that he hoped the talks be described as preliminary would begin soon.

Sudan's leader Lt Gen. Omar Hassan El Bashir yesterday said the talks would begin in early August and that the Sudanese government delegation would include one member of the 15-member junta that took power in Khartoum on June 30.

Deng said the SPLA delegation would include a high-ranking member of the rebel military command, but that SPLA leader John Garang would not participate in preliminary discussions.

The talks to be held in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, are aimed at ending Sudan's 6-year-old civil war which has killed and displaced millions of people and created waves of refugees into neighbouring countries.

The SPLA, which is headquartered in Addis Ababa, took up arms against Khartoum's Muslim-dominated government in 1983 demanding greater autonomy and economic reforms for the nation's predominantly Christian and ethnically African south.

Bashir last night announced in Addis Ababa that he had agreed with Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam to back up each other in their search for peace with rebels in both countries.

Bashir, who met with Mengistu at the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit meetings which concluded in Addis Ababa last night, affirmed that "we have some influence and other means of pressure on rebel groups in both countries," Wadi Al Nile Radio quoted him as saying.

He was referring to Eritreans in Ethiopia and SPLA in Sudan and added that "we should take advantage of this influence to settle problems in both countries."

## Eritreans ready for meeting

NAIROBI, July 28, (Reuters): Rebels in the northern Ethiopian province of Eritrea said today they had chosen a team to negotiate an end to their 28-year-old war of independence, Africa's longest conflict.

But the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF), which has said it doubts the government's sincerity in offering to negotiate, did not say when talks would be held.

In a statement released just hours after former US President Jimmy Carter said he would be willing to mediate peace talks, the EPLF reaffirmed its interest in negotiations.

"The politburo appointed a negotiating committee as a practical step to promote these aims," it said in the statement telecast to Reuters in Nairobi.

It said its governing politburo named the negotiating team at a secret meeting earlier this week, but did not say who would be on the committee or give details about its mandate.

Ethiopia's marxist President Mengistu Haile Mariam offered to meet the rebels without preconditions last month.

The EPLF, however, says it questions Mengistu's intentions because he has since said Ethiopia's unity is not subject to negotiation.

The EPLF seeks independence for Eritrea, the strip of desert and mountains which comprises Ethiopia's strategic Red Sea coast.

Carter, speaking at an Addis Ababa news conference yesterday after talks with Mengistu, said he believed both sides were ready to discuss peace.

## W. Germany warns of terrorist threat

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, July 28, (AP): West Germany's top law-enforcement official warned yesterday of a growing threat of attacks, especially by radical groups known to be operating in the country.

Federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann named the Irish Republican Army, the Kurdish Workers' Party and a radical Palestinian faction as groups that authorities had been warned to watch closely during the busy summer travel period.

Rebmann said the IRA's method of operation made it difficult for police to keep them under surveillance, and that he feared the group might seek to inflict further damage on British military installations in West Germany.

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## Judge allows suit against US govt

LOS ANGELES, July 28, (AP): Seven Palestinians and a Kenyan can sue the US government for allegedly targeting them for prosecution because of their political beliefs, a federal judge has ruled.

US district judge Stephen V. Wilson, in allowing trial to proceed, criticized the government Wednesday for filing new charges against two of the Palestinians under a law allowing the exclusion and deportation of aliens deemed undesirable.

The justice department has been trying for 2 1/2

years to deport the eight, accusing them of having ties to a terrorist group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

But none of the eight has been charged with criminal acts and all have denied membership in the organisation.

The government first attempted to deport them under a section of the McCarran-Walter Act that allowed deportation of people for affiliations with groups advocating world communism.



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## Bank will tolerate dual rate

AMMAN, Jordan, July 28, (AP): Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Nabulsi indicated today that Jordan will tolerate a black market exchange rate alongside the official price of the dinar.

He also said the government has arrested Palestinian merchants who collaborated with an Israeli religious group to dump dinars onto the market.

"Imported commodities which are not price controlled would not have to comply with (the Central Bank's) exchange rate and merchants could buy foreign currency from other channels if they wish," Nabulsi told reporters following a lecture at the Abdul-Hamid Shoman Foundation.

The dinar is officially worth about \$1.70. But a shortage of foreign exchange and a large debt problem have driven its value as low as \$1.08 on the local black market in recent days.

Financial officials are negotiating with foreign lenders to reschedule part of Jordan's \$8.3 billion debt and recently imposed an austerity programme agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund.

The Central Bank has vowed to provide funds for priority imports, but has not been able to give banks enough foreign currency to cover existing letters of credit, driving many importers to the black market.

## World Bank loans for Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, July 28, (Reuters): Ivory Coast has reached a tentative agreement with the World Bank for loans totalling about \$450 million which should help to revive the country's ailing economy, a banking source said today.

The fresh loans would be the first since Felix Houphouët-Boigny, 83-year-old President of the world's largest cocoa producer, bowed to international pressure earlier this month and slashed prices paid to cocoa farmers.

Houphouët-Boigny, who had vowed never to cut the producer price, slashed it to 250 CFA francs per kg (34 cents a pound) from 400 CFA francs (55 cents) for 1988-89 mid-crop cocoa. The new price is within a few cents of current spot prices on the London market.

With the world cocoa market depressed, Ivory Coast was losing money by maintaining the 400 CFA franc price.

The banking source said the World Bank accord, providing the first fresh loans from the bank to Ivory Coast in a year and half, was agreed in meetings at the bank's headquarters in Washington on July 11 and 12 — a week after the producer price was reduced.

## Algeria gets French aid

ALGIERS, July 28, (OPECNA): Algeria has been offered \$150 million in extra French trade credits, making it the second this year. In January \$460 million of revolving credit was extended for imports of spare parts, machinery and tyres.

Following a two-day visit here, France's Minister of Economy, Finance and the Budget Pierre Bergeyovoy said along with other Western European countries, France had boosted credits to the North African state in support of reform measures launched by its government.

Quoted by Reuters news agency, he said French banks were still discussing a separate \$300 million loan, proposed after the visit by President Francois Mitterrand to Algeria in March this year.

## Tokyo rent highest: study

LONDON, July 28, (KUNA): London has the second most expensive office rental level in the world, according to a new survey published here yesterday.

Only Tokyo, with a rental average of £107.26 per square foot is higher than London's £89.60 in the financial centre, and £5.70 in the West End, which is mainly the heart of the capital.

Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, is the cheapest of the three British cities included in the survey of 27 cities, prepared by a group of chartered surveyors.

The cheapest city in general was Amsterdam at 10.50 per square foot.

## Moscow, Kuwait try to strengthen ties

# Gas industry likely to get a boost

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

THE Soviet Union and Kuwait continue putting their co-operation plans, begun with some determination early this year, into action with gas industry being the latest sector to receive attention.

A delegation of Soviet experts led by first Deputy Minister of Gas Industry Viacheslav Sheremet left Kuwait Thursday after a week's visit to explore possibilities of working together

in gas drilling, transportation and equipment supply. The visit marked a departure from the usual government to government negotiations, with the Soviets this time having gone directly to Kuwait's private sector.

"We are not an official delegation, we are here strictly for business," Sheremet told the Arab Times. The Soviet experts and representatives of Kuwaiti private firms related to gas industry agreed to prepare proposals within two months outlining the

areas of co-operation.

The delegation, which toured the KNPC facilities, also made a trip to Abu Dhabi, UAE, for similar negotiations.

The Soviets are hopeful about future prospects in Kuwait especially after progress had been made in plans for joint oil co-operation which includes drilling in Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

Gas industry co-operation with Kuwait may receive a boost when Moscow merges on August

1 the ministries of oil and gas into one. The two countries are making a concerted effort to strengthen ties primarily in the economic sector, but in other areas such as culture and the military as well.

The Soviet and Kuwaiti oil ministers signed last February an economic, oil and industrial co-operation agreement which also proposes joint ventures in construction and chemical industries.

This was followed with another wide-ranging accord in

April which also provides for co-operation in banking, investment, agriculture and trade. In January the Soviets began work on a \$60.5 million oil desalination plant in Ahmadi.

Kuwait and Moscow have already made headway in military co-operation further boosted during a recent visit to Kuwait by the First Deputy Defence Minister. Last year Kuwait concluded a deal to buy from the Soviet Union 245 armoured personnel carriers worth about \$300 million.

# Oil prices tumble

## OPEC to discuss output discipline

LONDON, July 28, (Agencies): Oil prices have tumbled a dollar a barrel in the past week because some OPEC states are still flouting output quotas despite weak summer demand for petrol in Europe and the United States, industry officials say.

"We call on our colleagues in OPEC to face the fact that prices have fallen too fast," Oil Minister Gnanjar Kartasmita of Indonesia said today in an appeal for OPEC discipline.

An index of average world-wide spot crude oil prices produced by Britain's National Westminster Bank now stands at \$15.90 a barrel, exactly a dollar down from a week ago.

Kartasmita saw signs of a repeat of last autumn's glut when prices went down to around \$10.

Western industry executives now think total OPEC output in July has run slightly above 21 million barrels daily, as it did in June, rather than showing an expected small decline.

And "the gasoline market has gone to hell," as one put it. Petrol demand in the United States and Europe has not proved as brisk this summer as refiners had hoped.

Still, industry sources said, the chief problem seemed to be in Europe and North America which was awash with "sweet" or low-sulphur, petrol-rich crudes

from the North Sea and Africa.

The Soviet Union is also to close its Black Sea port of Novorossiysk through which it exports sour urals crude for maintenance for up to three weeks from mid-August.

From what buyers say, 300,000 barrels daily and perhaps more might be halted, meaning a bigger call on Middle East crudes.

And knowledge that OPEC to meet again on September 22 and discuss output discipline should put a prop under prices.

According to Nauman Barakat, a vice-president with trading house Shearson Lehman

Hutton, the market has to assume that "OPEC will always pull a rabbit out of the hat."

Nigeria, industry sources say, may have been producing about 1.7 million barrels daily lately, against a quota of 1.428. But the extent of any OPEC violations are hard to judge since the organisation counts only sales and excludes output held in storage.

Meanwhile, OPEC secretary-general Abdul Aziz Al Wattari held talks with Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez in Caracas yesterday on a wide range of international petroleum issues, including the importance of holding a summit of OPEC heads of state.

## Hooker rules out selling off assets

SYDNEY, Australia, July 28, (AP): Hooker Corp. today ruled out selling off \$1.8 billion in assets and sent a team to the United States to head off foreclosure by US creditors.

Hooker, a major Australian property company with significant interests in the United States, turned itself over to a court-appointed provisional liquidator on Wednesday in one of Australia's biggest corporate collapses.

The Sydney-based company, which owns B. Altman and Co. Bonwit Teller plus other US department stores and shopping malls, owes the equivalent of \$1.2 billion to more than 42 banks.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke has stated the collapse had nothing to do with the fundamental strength of the Australian economy.

John Harkness, appointed provisional liquidator on July 26, told a news conference today that he was assessing the corporation and hoped to stabilise it and reduce its debt.

He said there would be no "fire sale" of assets and that every attempt would be made to maximise their value. The company has 10,000 employees and 13,000 shareholders.

The Wall Street Journal this week reported that the first National Bank of Chicago had started foreclosure proceedings on Hooker's Richland fashion mall in Columbia, South Carolina. Hooker's financial advisers today said they were aware of possible foreclosure but declined to comment further.

The officials also said a delegation was preparing to fly to the US this weekend to consider whether Hooker will seek court protection under chapter 11 of the US bankruptcy code.

Chapter 11 filing would protect the company from creditors' lawsuits in the US while it works out a plan of reorganisation.

Richard Grelman from the accounting firm of Peat Marwick Hungerford has been advising Hooker and is part of the delegation.

## Caracas debt team for US

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 28, (AP): Venezuelan debt negotiators will meet with creditors on Monday to report on Venezuela's progress in reforming its economy and the status of its negotiations with commercial banks, the state news agency Venzpress reported today.

Planning Minister Miguel Rodriguez, along with Central Bank head Pedro Tinoco and Edgar Leal, the third member of the negotiating team, will leave on a private flight for a two-day meeting with the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral financial representatives in Washington DC. Venzpress said.

The three will inform bankers of the steps Venezuela has taken in its negotiations on debt restructuring and refinancing with its commercial creditors and progress on internal economic reforms, Venzpress said.

Venezuela owes \$33 billion to foreign financial institutions, the fourth largest debt in Latin America. It is next up for debt reduction under the Brady Plan. Mexico, with the end of negotiations last weekend, became the first recipient of reductions with commercial creditors.

## Toyota to bolster sales

NAGOYA, Japan, July 28, (UPI): Japan's top automaker Toyota Motor Corp. said yesterday its \$45 million project to expand its existing technical centre in Ann Arbor, Michigan, started Thursday with a groundbreaking ceremony held at the site.

The Nagoya-based company said the expansion is part of the company's effort to bolster its vehicles sales, distribution, and product research and development facilities in the United States during the next four years.

Plans call for construction of a 64,560-square-foot (6,000 square metre) administration building and a 107,600-square-foot (10,000-square-metre) parts evaluation shop, the company said.

The new facilities covering a 2.23 million-square-foot (300,000 square metre) area adjacent to the existing Technical Centre will handle quality-assurance evaluation of local parts for prototype vehicles built in Japan and North America, the company said.

In addition to existing exhaust approval, the Technical Centre will conduct vehicle evaluation on power performance and steering stability at the new Technical Centre, it said.

The new facilities will start functioning in the spring of 1991, the company said.

## Price plan could push Poland to the brink of economic collapse

WARSAW, July 28, (Reuters): A plan under which some food prices may triple next week could push Poland to the brink of economic collapse and plunge more than half of its population below the poverty line, economists say.

They warn the so-called marketisation programme, which will expose Poland's shortage-hit food sector to market forces, could cause hyperinflation and lead to widespread strikes and riots.

"Poland's economy stands at the edge of catastrophe," read an appeal, published today, from top opposition economists to President Wojciech Jaruzelski and parliament.

The scheme marks a major shift away from fixed prices — a step towards a Western-style free market as Poland faces a dire economic crisis with inflation at more than 90 per cent, an enormous budget deficit and a \$39-billion foreign debt.

"The danger of an explosion of a huge

wave of strikes is real," the appeal said, calling for an economic rescue plan.

Architects of marketisation, due to take effect next Tuesday despite calls for a delay, say it should help fill shops and ease queues as food prices rise on the free market.

"Three market partners — producer, salesman and consumer — will decide prices, not the Finance Ministry," said Deputy Minister Wincenty Lewandowski.

Most of Poland's 38 million people will be compensated for the expected steep price hikes. Officials have not announced how compensation will be calculated but say it will average 8,400 zlotys (\$10) a head.

Economists from the Communist Party and the Solidarity opposition, while agreeing on the need for a market economy, argue the scheme prepared by the government of outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski is bound to fail.

It does not tackle state monopolies and has not thought hard enough about a safety net for the poor, they say.

Janusz Basiak, a top economist in the Party Central Committee, said one in five Poles already lives at or below the minimum acceptable standard and the Rakowski plan could push the figure up to three in five.

While Lewandowski and Agriculture Minister Kazimierz Olesiak calculate previously subsidised prices for meat will rise to 80 per cent of the present free market rate, other experts put the figure well above this.

"The price shock will not be as great as some expect," said Olesiak, adding nine major cities would have protected supplies until the free market began to operate fully around October.

Only nine per cent of meat is sold now on the free market at high prices. Poles with ration cards queue for hours, even over-

night, to buy what meat there is in state shops.

"The thing happening in meat shops simply defies human dignity," the government daily Rzeczpospolita said.

Basiak said supplies were still not secured, meaning prices could rocket by up to 200 per cent although compensation had been calculated for a far smaller rise.

"The greatest disturbances will occur when the average Pole looks at the 8,400 zlotys in his hand and compares this with the reality that it is two or three times less than the amount he needs," he told Reuters.

Farmers have been protesting to insist marketisation is introduced. They prompted shortages by withholding produce during a month-long price freeze that ends on Tuesday.

Basiak said action could switch from the countryside to the towns once consumers see shops are not filling as hoped.

## American Express apologises to banker

### Media attacks

LONDON, July 28, (AP): American Express Co has formally apologised to international banker Edmond Safra for media attacks on Safra's banks based on information coming from sources related to American Express.

In one of two letters jointly released today by both sides, American Express chairman James Robinson said people "acting on behalf of American Express began an unauthorised and shameful effort to use the media to malign" Safra and Republic National Bank of New York, in which Safra holds a 33 per cent stake.

"While I believe in vigorous competition, there is no room in our organisation for actions which could cause unjustified harm to a competitor," Robinson said.

Robinson said in his letter that American Express would attempt to open a "new chapter" with Safra and his banks by making \$4 million in contributions to four charities at Safra's request. Among them is the anti-defamation league of B'nai B'rith.

In his reply to Robinson's letter, Safra said he was "grateful" that the American Express chairman has "agreed to take appropriate action" to prevent further attacks.

The letters were dated Monday. Luc Giacobino, a Republic bank spokesman in Geneva, said news reports had alleged that Safra's banks were involved in laundering dirty money. He didn't provide details.

Safra and his associates launched an investigation lasting several months after noticing that articles containing the same information appeared in news media throughout the world, including Latin America and Europe.

The investigation eventually led to American Express. The Republic spokesman, however, refused to discuss the nature of the links between the news reports and the US financial concern.

American Express also refused to say what form the bank's involvement took, stating only that it "is an internal matter" and that "appropriate steps are being taken."

Safra has filed at least two lawsuits accusing the newspapers of publishing defamatory material.

A hearing against L'Hebbo, a Lusanne, Switzerland, weekly newspaper, is scheduled for next month in Geneva. The second suit involves Minute, a French newspaper.

Giacobino said Safra's intentions to pursue the suits were unrelated to the American Express apology.

Safra, a Brazilian citizen of Lebanese descent who now lives in Geneva, has made a career of providing banking services to the very rich. His most recent venture was to form Safra Republic Holdings SA last year from the European private banking operations of Republic Bank.

American Express and Safra became partners in private banking briefly after Safra sold his Trade Development Bank Holding SA to the US financial services conglomerate in 1983 for \$520 million. Safra quit two years later following a fallout with American Express' top management.

### UK shares rise to post-crash high

## Dollar becalmed

LONDON, July 28, (Reuters): London share prices took their cue from a boom on Wall Street and rose today to their highest level since the 1987 stock market crash.

The FTSE-100 share index broke the psychological barrier of 2,300 points in the last hour of trading as dealers eyed what was happening in early New York trade.

Blue-chip stocks on Wall Street initially dipped but then rose above the post-crash highs where they closed on Thursday.

London dealers followed suit and the FTSE index closed up 22.3 points on the day at 2,306.0, its highest close for 21 months.

At noon in New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was 7,778 points higher at 2,643.21.

The London market's final closing level before the "Black Monday" of October 19, 1987 was 2,301.9. It has clawed its way back to close to that figure only in the past two weeks but until today had fought shy of breaking through 2,300.

"It's hot Friday end-of-account stuff," said Andrew Smith, equity economist at stockbrokers Laing and Cruickshank.

The ever-increasing size of corporate bids also provided impetus, with takeover speculation following this month's

record £13 billion (\$21 billion) bid for BAT Industries adding up to 100 points to the market.

"It's clear bid fever helped push the market higher," one analyst said.

FTSE's next target should be the all-time high of 2,443 set in July 1987, according to Smith.

The dollar closed firmer in subdued trading in Europe as dealers continued to wait for definite signs that the Federal Reserve will enable US interest rates to ease further.

Dealers said the market will now look to next week's US economic data, such as June factory orders on Wednesday and July unemployment today, to give the market new direction.

"I'm not prepared to write the dollar off, but its upside is pretty limited in the time being," said Jim O'Neill, international economist at Swiss Bank Corp in London.

"Wall Street is very negative about the slowing economy and is expecting more Fed easing very shortly."

The dollar opened at 1.8764 West German marks against Thursday's final 1.8705, and firmed in late afternoon trading to close at 1.8843.

The strength of the dollar helped push gold down to close at \$369.25 an ounce, the first time for a month it has ended at below \$370.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 28, (Reuters): The share market closed mixed, with high interest rates a depressant. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.4 points lower at 1,626.8 in active trading.

TOKYO: After a sharp rise at the opening, investors took profits most of the day and prices closed easier in moderate trading. The Nikkei index fell 79.65 to 34,705.63.

HONG KONG: Signs of a

revival in the property market pushed share prices up to end at the day's high. The Hang Seng index rose 33.04 to 2,526.75.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally higher on late buying and bargain-hunting after fairly active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.78 to 1,370.14.

BOMBAY: Share prices fell further on heavy selling for the second day as Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government continued to face opposition attacks over a controversial Bofors gun deal. Tata Steel fell 25 rupees to 1,277.50.



An attendant in a state run butcher's shop waits for the next delivery of meat to stock the empty shelves. Meat supplies have dwindled during the government-imposed price freeze. (Reuters wirephoto)



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	288.0
ABBEY NAT	144.0	JAGUAR	387.0
ADT LTD	186.0	KINGFISHER	351.0
ALD LYONS	526.0	LABROCK	322.0
AMSTRAD	73.0	LAND SEC	588.0
ARGYLL GP	236.0	LAPORTE	486.0
ASDA GP	191.0	LASMO	517.0
BAA	367.0	LEGAL+GEN	351.0
BAT INDS	885.0	LYONDS BK	355.0
BARCLAYS	507.0	LONRHO	299.0
BASS	063.0	LUCAS IND	665.0
BEAZER	181.0	MAGNET	303.0
BERKSHIRE	165.0	MARKS+SP	209.0
BET ORD	306.0	MAXWELL C	203.0
BICC PLC	520.0	MB GROUP	201.0
BLUE ARR	108.0	MECCA LEI	177.0
BLUE CIRC	561.0	NAT WEST	322.0
BOC GP	524.0	NEXT	147.0
BOOTS CO	292.0	NTH FOODS	344.0
BPS INDS	250.0	P & O DFD	705.0
BR COMM	172.0	PEARL	501.0
BR AIRWAY	206.0	PEARSON	760.0
BR AEROSP	709.0	PILKINGTON	240.0
BR GAS RG	201.0	PLESSEY	273.0
BR LAND	302.0	RACAL ELC	403.0
BR STEEL	78.00	RACAL TEL	465.5
BR TELCOM	257.0	RANK ORG	215.0
BUNZL	149.0	RCKITT+CO	970.0
BURMAN OL	639.0	REDLAND	596.0
BURTON	255.0	REED	436.0
CABLESWIR	519.0	RMC GRP	743.0
CADBURYS	452.0	REUTERS	844.0
CALOR GRP	425.0	RIZ CORP	529.0
CRLTN COM	795.0	ROLLS ROY	187.5
CRLTN T	790.0	ROTHMAN B	420.0
COOKSONS	358.0	ROYAL TMS	311.0
COURTAULD	372.0	SAATCHI	311.0
DALGETY	432.0	SEABURY	278.0
DIXONS	169.0	SEARS	129.0
ENG CHINA	477.0	SEDEWICK	254.0
ENTER OIL	622.0	SHELL	421.0
FKI BABCK	76.00	SIEBE	545.0
FERRANTI	86.0	SLOUGH ES	369.0
FISONS	347.0	SMITH IND	319.0
GATEWAY	231.0	SMITH+NEPH	144.0
GEN ACCIO	000.0	STC	363.0
GEN ELEC	272.0	STORESH	44.35
GLAXO	440.0	SUN ALLIA	304.0
GRAMAD	360.0	TALYR	050.0
GLOBE	192.0	TATLWOOD	306.0
GLYNED	222.0	TELETYPE	287.0
GUARD RYL	438.0	TI GROUP	311.0
GUINNESS	538.0	TRAF HSE	465.0
HANSON	790.0	TSE	369.0
HANSON	225.5	T+N	238.0
HARRISON C	174.0	TRUSTHEE	358.0
HILLER SID	745.0	ULTRAMAR	330.0
HILLSDOWN	284.0	UNILEVER	650.0
		WINDMUSP	470.0
		WELLCOME	464.0
		WHITRD IN	360.0
		WILLIAMS	265.0
		WILLIS FB	235.0
		WIMPEY GE	275.0

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	990.0	991.0
600 GROUP	133.0	133.0
A.MER TS	474.0	476.0
A.B.ELECT	383.0	383.0
A.S.W.HLD	267.0	267.0
AAB KENT	124.0	123.0
AAH HLD	407.0	407.0
AARONSON	87.0	87.0
ADDITION	41.5	40.5
ADVEST	210.0	211.0
ALEX URKU	211.0	211.0
ALEXON	397.0	398.0
ALLD COLL	166.0	167.0
ALLD IR B	181.0	182.0
ALLD LON	150.0	149.0
ALLD PART	75.4	76.0
ALLD TEXT	382.0	381.0
ALLIANCE	110.0	112.0
AMBER DAY	70.0	70.0
AMEC	451.0	453.0
AMER TST	161.2	161.4
AMERSHAM	490.0	489.0
ANI HLTHC	430.0	430.0
ANGLIA SC	184.0	185.0
ANGLO TV	281.0	282.0
ANGLO TV	76.0	76.0
APPLBYARD	163.0	163.0
APV PLC	150.0	151.0
ASHLEY LA	101.0	101.0
ATWOODS	476.0	477.0
ATWOODS	408.0	410.0
AUTO SECS	270.0	270.0
AVESCO	153.0	153.0
AVIS EUR	449.4	453.0
AVON RUBB	564.0	563.0
B.WEMHILL	276.0	276.0
BAILL JAP	559.0	558.0
BAILL SHI	98.0	98.0
BAIRD (W)	232.0	233.0
BANK IRE	250.0	249.0
BANKER IT	93.6	94.4
BARDON GP	201.0	201.0
BART DEV	178.0	178.0
BAYNES C	36.0	36.0
BBA GROUP	211.0	212.0
BEAR BROS	14.4	14.4
BEATTIE J	149.0	150.0
BELHAVEN	52.0	52.0
BELWAY	207.0	208.0
BENMORE	246.0	246.0
BENLON HD	64.0	64.0
BENKLEY	203.0	202.0
BIRK GROUP	143.0	143.0
BLACK L2	8.6	9.0
BK GROUP	504.0	505.0
BK INTR	248.4	249.0
BNETT + W	102.0	102.0
BOASE HAS	363.0	363.0
BODDINGTON	180.0	181.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1924.8	1902.5	1902.5	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1303.74	1293.67	1284.04	1008.8
FT ALL SEC	1176.69	1166.71	1158.37	926.59
FT GVS SEC	87.16	87.07	86.70	87.30
FT GOLD MN	195.60	195.20	195.00	161.9
FT MINES F	691.20	689.41	681.43	565.31
FT OIL	2168.2	2159.5	2154.5	1725.4
FT VLD DLR	152.84	150.60	148.70	139.21
FT VLD STG	136.50	135.32	135.54	115.30
FT VLD LOC	143.24	142.00	141.41	129.77

## London Stock Market Report

## U.K. SHARES PUSH OVER FTSE 2300 IN LATE AFTERNOON

LONDON, JULY 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES PUSHED OVER THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER OF 2,300 ON THE FTSE IN LATE AFTERNOON TRADE. ITS FIRST BREACHING OF THAT LEVEL SINCE BEFORE THE OCTOBER 1987 STOCK MARKET CRASH.

THE MARKET HAD MOVED JUST BELOW THE 2,300 LEVEL ALL DAY. BUT IT GAINED IMPETUS AFTER WALL STREET RECOVERED EARLY LOSSES AND FROM BUYING FOR THE NEW ACCOUNT, DEALERS SAID.

"WE HAVE TAKEN A VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE A STRUGGLE TO MAKE A DECISIVE BREAK THROUGH THERE AND I THINK THAT WOULD HOLD," SAID BOB SEMPLER, EQUITY STRATEGIST AT COUNTRY MATHEW.

THE FTSE CLOSED 22.3 POINTS UP AT 2306.0. THE INDEX LAST ENDED ABOVE 2,300 ON FRIDAY 16, OCTOBER 1987, THE LAST TRADING DAY BEFORE THE CRASH, WHEN THE FTSE 100 CLOSED AT 2301.9.

"IT'S NOT FRIDAY AFTERNOON END-OF-ACCOUNT STUFF," SAID ANDREW SMITH, EQUITY ECONOMIST AT STOCKBROKER LAING AND CRUIKSHANK. ACCORDING TO CHARTS OF THE MARKET, IF THE INDEX HAS CONVINCENTLY BREACHED ITS LAST RESISTANCE POINT, ITS NEXT TARGET SHOULD BE 2443, THE ALL-TIME HIGH SET IN JULY 1987, HE SAID.

RECENTLY THE MARKET HAD FOUND ITSELF SQUEEZED BETWEEN AS INSTITUTIONAL LIQUIDITY HIT RECORD LEVELS WHILE THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF STOCK IN THE MARKET WENT DOWN, DEALERS SAID.

## Precious Metals

LONDON, JULY 28, REUTER - LONDON PRECIOUS METALS CLOSED LOWER ACROSS THE BOARD, WITH GOLD ENDING 4.50 DOLLARS DOWN AT 369.00/369.50 DOLLARS PER OUNCE.

DEALERS SAID EARLIER TODAY THAT A LONDON CLOSE BELOW 370 DOLLARS WOULD BE A BEARISH SIGN.

GOLD HAD BEEN TRACKING THE DOLLAR ALL WEEK AND THE STRONGER U.S. CURRENCY PUT PRESSURE ON GOLD TODAY. THE 370 DOLLAR LEVEL WAS CONSIDERED THE LOWER END OF A 370 TO 375 RANGE AND THE NEXT CHART SUPPORT LEVEL IS 367.50 DOLLARS.

PLATINUM ENDED 7.50 DOLLARS LOWER AT 491.49 DOLLARS PER OUNCE WHILE SILVER FINISHED AT 513.51 CENTS COMPARED WITH 522.52/4.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 28, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES ENDED THE DAY LITTLE MOVED FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE, AFTER A QUIET DAY ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND WITH NO DOMESTIC INDICATORS RELEASED TO STIMULATE TRADE, DEALERS SAID.

THEY SAID TODAY'S WEEKLY TREASURY BILL TENDER REFLECTED CURRENT MARKET SENTIMENT FOR EASIER RATES. IT WAS WELL SUBSCRIBED, WITH THE TOP ACCEPTED DISCOUNT RATE ON 91 DAY BILLS DROPPING TO 13.2363 PCT FROM 13.3365 PCT LAST FRIDAY.

THE THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE ENDED UNMOVED AT 13.78 13/16 PCT, WHILE THE YEAR CLOSING 1/16 FIRMER AT 13.78 1/4 PCT. STERLING'S EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX ENDED DOWN 0.2 AT 93.2.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
DLR	1.6545/55	1.8783/93	6.3610/40	NOON
STG	1.6568/78	3.1085/115	10.5210/370	NOON
DMK	1.8729/8809	3.103/117	29.46/62	FIX
FFR	6.3495/3615	10.525/543	115.85/86.05	NOON
SFR	1.6137/6147	2.6739/6772	82.85/83.325	FIX
HFL	2.1170	3.5080	12.0077	CLSE
ECU	1.10635	0.667882	2.07717	CLSE
SDR	1.28305	0.77015	2.39879	CLSE
YEN	139.23/33	230.70/231.01	8.12299	NOON
SDR RATE	27/07/1989	OTHERS	28/07/1989	

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	45/1	45/2
ATLANTIC R	98/4	98/6
AAR CORP	32/3	32/1
ABBOTT LAB	64/4	65/0
ADV MICRO	11/6	11/7
ACME CLVD	8/7	8/7
AEROFIL LAB	4/2	4/3
AETNA LIFE	58/4	58/4
AMMANSON	21/6	21/6
AIR PR-CHM	44/4	44/7
ALASKA AIR	26/7	27/0
ALBERTSONS	52/3	51/5
ALPHA 8-16	0	90/4
ALCAN ALUM	22/5	22/5
ALCO STAND	32/5	32/1
AM CAP SEC	21/5	21/4
AM CYMARD	57/2	57/1
AM FAMILY	15/5	15/6
AM HON	102/1	102/1
AM STORES	71/3	71/3
AM TEL-TEL	40/4	40/6
AMAX INC	25/2	25/2
AMOCO CORP	47/0	47/1
AMP INC	43/4	43/3
AMP CO	0	14/0
AMR CORP	68/1	68/2
AMR GEN CO	37/3	37/5
AMERADA HE	38/2	38/2
ANTHEM ELE	10/7	10/6
APACHE CP	14/2	14/3
APPAL 8-12	0	87/0
ARMSTRONG	46/6	46/5
ARSHD OIL	37/3	37/1
ASIA PACIF	10/7	10/7
ATLS CORP	15/7	16/0
AVERY INT	26/6	26/7
AVNET INC	24/2	24/2
AVON PRODS	34/4	34/2
BELLSOUTH	51/4	51/4
BELO CP A	39/2	39/2
BEVERLY	8/2	8/2
BLA-DECKER	21/6	21/6
BKN BOSTON	28/4	28/3
BKN BOSTN-A	0	36/7
BKN N-YORK	51/6	51/7
BKN TR-NY	53/0	52/6
BKAMERICA	30/6	30/6
BKMAN SPEC	6/5	6/5
BOEING CO	52/0	51/7
BOISE CASC	44/4	44/6
BND IN GLD	7/7	7/7
BORDEN	77/0	77/0
BOATYER	27/4	27/4
BOYD CORP	44/1	44/1
BRIGGS-STR	26/4	26/6
BRIST-MYER	49/0	49/2
BRUNSWICK	16/1	16/1
C 3 INC	4/5	4/4
C HUD G-EL	22/7	22/6
CABOT CORP	39/4	39/4
CAESARS WD	40/5	40/5
CAL FREIGHT	24/0	24/1
CAS NAT GS	17/4	17/4
CAT-DOCKE	40/5	42/5
CATERPI TR	59/3	58/6
CBI IND	31/7	31/7
CBS	219/7	219/7
CENTEL CP	49/2	49/2
CHAMP INTL	33/7	34/0
CHARTER CO	4/3	4/4
CHASE MAN	38/6	38/6
CHENED CP	36/1	36/2
CHENIC BNK	37/7	38/4
CHEVRON	54/5	54/0
CHIC MILK	0	140/0
CHRYSLER	26/5	26/6
CHUBB CORP	74/0	74/0
CHUR FR CH	5/1	5/2
CIGNA CORP	59/2	59/2
CIN MILACR	20/1	20/1
CIR CIT ST	25/5	25/6
CIRCLE K	11/3	11/3
CITICORP	32/0	32/0
CLARK EQUI	39/1	39/0
CLOREX	42/3	42/1
COBELL RES	11	11
COCHIN SP	59/3	59/3
CND PACIFIC	22/3	22/1
COACHMAN	9/0	9/0
COASTAL	44/2	44/2
COCA-COLA	64/3	64/2
COLECO	0	0
COLEMAN CO	0	73/7
COLG-PALM	59/1	58/6
COLUM GAS	45/0	45/1
COM PYSY CO	33/1	33/0
COM EDISON	38/5	38/6
CONAGRA	37/6	37/5
CON EDISON	26/4	26/4
CONTINENTAL	35/7	36/0
CONTL ILLN	02	03
CONTEL CP	61/3	61/2
CONTR DATA	21/2	21/2
COOPER T-R	34/4	34/6
COOPER COM	2/4	2/5
CORNING IN	41/7	41/7
CRAV RES	41/6	41/6
CULLINEN	8/6	8/6
DANA CORP	41/1	41/1
DANIEL IND	13/2	13/1
DATTA GEN	16/7	17/0
DAYTON HUD	58/2	58/4
DEC	92/3	92/3
DEERE-CO	58/5	58/1
DELTA AIR	71/3	71/2
DIAMOND SH	20/7	20/6
DIEBOLD	42/1	41/7
DISNEY W	07/7	108/6
DOVER CORP	36/5	36/5
DOW CHEMIC	90/6	90/6
DOW JONES	37/1	37/2
DRESSER IN	42/7	42/6
DREYFUS	31/0	30/4
DUKE POWER	51/2	51/2
DUN BRAD	57/5	57/5
DUPONT	114/7	114/6
DURHAM	0	21/0
DYNAMICS	21/7	21/7
E SYSTEMS	33/1	32/6
EAGLE PICH	14/2	14/1
EASTERN EN	31/6	31/6
EMERSON EL	36/0	36/0
EMERSON RA	5/4	5/4
ETRYL CP	24/4	24/4
EXXON	45/0	45/2
FAN DOL ST	11/1	11/2
FED NAT MO	97/7	97/4
FIELDCREST	29/6	29/6
FLEETWOOD	26/4	26/3
FLEETING CO	38/2	38/0
FINC CORP	42/7	42/5
FORD MOTOR	50/0	50/1
FOSTER WHI	21/2	21/1
FRCHLD IND	17/7	17/7
FREE MC OG	5/1	5/1
FST BANK	25/3	25/3
FST CHITAG	45/0	44/7
FST INTERS	62/0	62/0
FST MISSIP	16/2	16/2
GANNET CO	49/0	49/1



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

PARIS: Ivory Coast has reached tentative agreement with the World Bank for loans totalling about \$450 mln that should help revive the country's ailing economy, a banking source said.

Zurich: Three major creditor banks have declined to take part in an interim financing package for Venezuela, complicating efforts to arrange a \$600m dir deal for the country, a Swiss banker said.

London: Talks between Eurotunnel SA and its four agent banks over the need for new debt financing remain at a preliminary stage, bankers said.

Frankfurt: The Kingdom of Belgium is issuing a 300 mln mark floating rate note paying six month London interbank offered rate less 1/8 pct for 10 years priced at 100.25, Morgan Stanley GMBH said as lead manager.

Madrid: The Council of Europe is issuing a 15 billion peseta seven year bond carrying an 11-3/4 pct coupon with Banco Bilbao Vizcaya as lead manager.

London: Lloyds Bank PLC's chairman Sir Jeremy Morse said a worsening situation in countries with debt repayment problems had led to increased debt provisions and a sharp downturn in profit.

London: Dato Paper Corp is issuing a \$150 mln equity warrant bond due August 17, 1993 priced at par and carrying an indicated 4-3/8 pct coupon, lead manager Yamachi International (Europe) Ltd said. In Frankfurt, Deutsche Bank AG said Dato is also issuing a 100 mln mark five-year par-priced warrant Eurobond with an indicated 1-3/4 pct coupon.

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	31.50	NAT ORG	---	---	---	---	---	---
ACC	276.50	280	277	GRAL	118	118.50	116	NIPPON	40	42.50	42	---	---
ALUM CHM	---	---	---	GSFC	155	157.50	152.50	NOCIL	960	960	945	---	---
ALUM HIS	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68	68.50	67.50	ORRAY	16	16	16	---	---
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ HEAVY	11	10	11	OSMAL AGRO	75	75	73.50	---	---
ASHOK LEY	70	65	67.50	HERO HONDA	20	19.50	20.50	PEICO	18	18	18.50	---	---
ASIA PAINT	190	190	192.50	HIND CIBA	860	860	860	PEIZER	65	64	65	---	---
ATLAS COP	35	35	35	HIND COCOA	108	108	107.50	POMES	166.25	167	160	---	---
AUTO CORP	72	70	66	HIND LEVER	91.50	91.50	91.50	PREN AUTO	50	49.50	48.50	---	---
BAJAJ AUTO	332.50	332.50	327.50	HIND MOTOR	32.75	33.50	32.75	RANBAXY	82.50	77.50	80	---	---
BAR RAYON	527.50	530	520	HINDALCO	273.75	267.25	273.75	RAY MOOL	83.25	82	83	---	---
BE BOND	81	79	81	HOECHST	740	740	730	RECKITT	177.50	177.50	180	---	---
BLON PLAST	---	---	---	IND ORG	37	36	35.50	RELIANCE	109.50	108.50	108.50	---	---
BOY DIE	126	126.50	122	IND RAYON	77.75	38	77	SESA GDA	41	39	41.50	---	---
BSE INDEX	743.13	722.64	722.64	INDROL	290	292.50	287.50	SHAW WALL	---	---	---	---	---
BURR MEL	200	190	195	INDROLL	385	375	385	SHREE CEM	---	---	---	---	---
CANSHARE	---	---	---	ITC	109	107	108	SHRI FIB	82.50	80	80	---	---
CEN ENKA	2700	2700	2710	KI SYN	76	75	76	SIEMENS	63	65	67	---	---
CEN SPG	1920	1945	1925	KIN ENGG	150	142.50	145.50	SKF	1230	1230	1220	---	---
COLGATE	312.50	313.75	310	KIR CLUM	61.50	60	62	SPIC	51.25	52.25	51	---	---
CROMPT CR	1350	1300	1325	KSB PUMPS	380	370	380	ST HILLS	355	355	350	---	---
DCM	---	---	---	L AND T	105	107	106	TATA CHEM	121	122	121	---	---
DEEP FERT	30	30	29.50	LIPTON	71	72	70	TATA OIL	70	68.75	70	---	---
DUNLOP	79	76	77	MAD RUSSEL	113	110	110	TATA POW	395	375	347.5	---	---
EI HOTELS	57	58	59	NAC COATS	103	100	103	TELCO	965	977.50	967.5	---	---
ESKORTS	65	65	65.50	NAHINDRA	88	87	87.50	THAPP AGRO	---	---	---	---	---
ESKAYEF	115	115	115	NAS SHARE	16	15.65	15.50	TISCO	1302	1305	1277	---	---
ESSAR SPG	24.75	25	25	NICO	620	630	625	VAM ORG	165	164	164	---	---
FOOD SPL	162.50	162.50	160	NIDCO	197.50	192.50	197.50	VARELI	22.50	22.50	22.40	---	---
FORBES	47.50	47	48.75	NRI	87	85	87	VOLTA	840	820	835	---	---
GAR POLY	67	67.50	67	KOF LTD	---	362.50	357.50	WIMCO	16.50	16	15.75	---	---
GE SHIPPING	42	42.50	41.50	MUK IRON	128	128.50	127.50	ZENITH	54	52	54	---	---
GLINDIA	89	89	88	NAT INDEX	383.92	376.64	376.64	ZUARI AGRO	68	67	67	---	---

## AMMAN

As of 26.7.89	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	---	---
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	---	---
ARAB BANK	---	---
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	---	---
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	---	---
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.10
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	---	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	---	---
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.40	2.33
ARAB PAPER COM/TKD	---	---
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	---	---
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	---	---
BEIT AL-NAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.30
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALADWA DY/INV.	---	---
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	---	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND. PRATCH JERCO	---	---
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPY BKK	1.70	1.70
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	---	---
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	---	---
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	---	---
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACT	---	---
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	---	---
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	---	---
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	---	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	---	---
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	---	---
JOR PAPER CARDBRDR	---	---
JOR PHOSPHATE HINS	---	---
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.43	2.45
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	---	---
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	---	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	---	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.75	4.85
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.85	0.89
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	---	---
JOR. FRENCH INS.	---	---
JOR. INV. FIN. COPP	2.30	2.28
JORDAN GULF REAL	---	---
JORDAN DAIRY	1.10	1.12
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	---	---
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	---	---
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	---	---
JORDAN TANNING	2.00	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.74
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55	0.52
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.00	1.90
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89	1.86
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	---	---
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	0.95	0.95
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.52	1.55
NATIONAL STEEL	---	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.25	2.20
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.30	1.36
PRECAST CONCRETE	---	---
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	---	---
SHIPPING LINES	---	---
SPINNING MEVING	---	---
THE HOUSING BANK	---	---
UNITED INSURANCE	1.22	1.23
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	---	---
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	93.00	93.50	89.50
AC-A	32.00	32.50	29.50	LC-B	30	31	30
ANS	3.05	3.10	3.10	PK-A	33	34	32
GLO	23.50	23.25	23.25	PK-B	34	35	33
PLDT	402.50	405.00	385.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
KPSI-A	3.90	4.00	---	BP-A	0.014	0.015	0.014
SMC-A	79.50	80.50	82.00	BP-B	0.014	0.015	0.015
SMC-B	117.00	---	---	LRC-A	0.0038	0.004	0.0038
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	0.0038	0.004	0.0038
APX-A	0.016	0.017	0.016	OPM-A	0.05	0.0525	0.0525
APX-B	0.017	0.018	0.017	OPM-B	0.0525	0.0550	0.0525
AT-A	55.00	55.50	55.00	OV-A	0.046	0.047	0.045
AT-B	55.00	55.50	55.00	OV-B	0.05	0.0525	0.049

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	8,997,895	119,731,592.50	1,528.92	65.99 UP
MINING	280,225,550	27,485,513.00	5,660.48	178.65 UP
OIL	997,800,000	26,939,055.00	8,204	0.250 UP
COMP.	1,287,023,445	174,156,160.50	1,192.73	43.89 UP

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	93.00	94.00	90.00
SMC-B	79.50	80.00	83.00	BC-B	94.00	95.50	93.00
SMC-B	115.00	116.00	116.00	LC-A	30	31	30
PLDT	402.50	405.00	397.50	LC-B	30	31	31
ANS-A	3.05	3.10	3.10	ZIP	0.009	0.0095	---
ANS-B	4.20	4.40	---	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
AC-A	31.50	32.00	30.00	STOCK BUY	---	---	---
GLO	23.50	24.00	24.00	BP-A	0.014	0.015	0.014
FER-A	2.24	2.26	2.26	BP-B	0.014	0.015	0.015
FER-B	2.42	2.44	2.36	LRC-A	0.0036	0.004	---
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	0.0038	0.0042	---
STOCK BUY	---	---	---	OPM-A	0.05	0.0525	0.0525
APX-A	0.016	0.017	0.016	OPM-B	0.0525	0.0550	0.0550
APX-B	0.017	0.018	0.016	OV-A	0.047	0.048	0.045
AT-A	55.50	56.00	55.00	OV-B	0.05	0.0525	0.049
AT-B	58.00	58.50	56.00	TA	0.026	0.027	0.027

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	10,763,155	216,281,052.51	514.54	UP 74.75
MINING	424,518,850	44,531,941	5288.21	UP 276.30
OIL	911,080,000	27,523,800	8.753	UP 0.199
TOTAL	1,346,382,005	288,336,793.51	1198.02	UP 49.57

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	G	KENT	98	97	KEPPEL	510	510
ADEF A				G	LUMBER	179	178	KUMP ENAS	132	132
ADEF B				G	TOWN		104	N CONT	142	143
AJINOMOTO	200			G	U HLDGS		102	M FEEDHILL		34
ANAL IND	148			G	GEN CORP	101	102	N GLASS	394	394
ANAL PROP	41.5	42.5			GENTING	620	620	M UTD IND	287	283
AMCOL	136	136			GOLD COCM	195	195	M UTD MFG	135	135
BERJAYA	148	149	ES1		GUINNESS	151	151	M SHITA	730	730
BQUESTA	149	149			GUINNESS	388	388	M WATA	240	239
CARLSBERG	575	575	GULA				28.5	MAGNUM	336	336
CCN		320	GUTHRI		75.5	73.5	HALEX IND		380	380
CEREBS	520	515	H L IND.		344	322	MCB HLDGS		113	113
CHEN IND	285	283	HARINAU		119	118	METAL BOX	406	412	
CK TANG	462	460	HAW PAR		320	318	MTC BND	302	300	
COLG STCR	352	350	HEKZA		91	91.5	MURATA		60	60
CS HLDGS	50	49.5	INDO-PAC		134	132	MURATA100			
CRV		520	INNOVEST		109	109	HB TIMBER	114	113	
DNB SHD	165	167	INSAS		44	44.5	NH PREF	610	630	
DUTA CON	---	29	JNT WOOD				76	PHRI	116	116
DUTCHBARY	460	450	ISETAN		690	685	ROXY ELEC	108	106	
ELEC MAGN	229	229	J SHYPARD		670	660	BUS BUS 500	515	515	
FEFFO CARD	360	358	JACKS LTD		143	143	S PRESS F	890	890	
FEU YAN S	250	250	JC HMT		144	136	S SHIP	497	486	
FAY C A B	41.5	41.5	JC-MPH		125	122	S'UANG M	204	203	
F E SHIP	360	356	JOHAN HDG		49	50	SAMANDA	175	171	
F&N ORD	1020	1010	K G HLDGS				120	SANYO		128
FEB CABLE	---	67	K KELLAS				155	SATERAS	56	55
FED FLOOR		350	KAMUNTING		91.5	90	SHELL ORD	535	525	
FELINA BHD	370	370	KE SANG				102	SIA FORGM	1770	1740
FUJITEC		656	KECK SENG				200	SUPREME C	---	118



## Third World to boost imports

WASHINGTON, July 28. (AP): Third World countries have been making it easier for the rest of the world to sell them more goods despite their need for cash to pay off their heavy debts, according to a three-year study.

The study, funded by the Ford Foundation, suggested that the United States and other industrial countries should help correct this situation by opening their gates to more Third World products, such as clothes and tropical fruit.

Additional sales of such products to the developed countries could be expected to increase jobs and business in the Third World, it said.

Richer countries strictly limit their imports of many popular items such as men's underwear and women's blouses, which are available cheaply because of low Third World labour costs, to protect their own jobs and business.

The report also found a new interest in the Third World for taking part in the current series of global trade talks, aimed at dismantling barriers to trade. It is due to end in 1990 with a series of agreements among almost 100 countries.

The report said that in earlier rounds, Third World governments insisted more on their demands for help from richer countries and that now they are looking more for concrete measures they can take to influence the outcome of the talks. The richer countries should try to lock in the advantages they are getting, it added.

The study was co-ordinated by John Whalley of the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada. Participants included three more from Canada, four from Australia, four from the United States, two each from Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, and others from India, South Korea, the Philippines, Costa Rica, China, Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria.

It outlined recent measures in 11 Third World countries to ease or remove their import restrictions. They included Mexico, the Philippines and South Korea.

The 211-page report has been given to officials working on the trade negotiations.

## Fresh incentive scheme unveiled

ADDIS ABABA, July 28. (Reuters): Ethiopia unveiled a fresh incentive scheme today to tempt foreign and local investors into playing a bigger role in its struggling economy.

The Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, Aklilu Afework, described the measures as "only the forerunners of many more legal instruments that have been lined up" to lure investment.

The investment climate with which this decree has been born looks very conducive and (more) encouraging than ever before," he told a news conference.

As proof the civil war in the northern province of Entebbe, where rebels have fought for independence for 28 years, and an improvement in relations with neighbouring Somalia and Sudan, long strained by regional conflict.

A peaceful regional environment, he said, "ought to help investors feel more at ease," he said.

The economy has long been burdened by debt, drought and war and President Mengistu Haile Mariam said in November that it had grown only one per cent a year in the previous decade.

The new investment decree, which includes tax, dividend and import concessions, is the latest in a series of measures to loosen the economy and stimulate output.

They started with farm reforms in December, 1987, including higher prices for farmers and more leeway for local private traders in grain marketing.

Aklilu said Ethiopia hoped the new incentives would encourage an infusion of foreign capital, transfer of technology and managerial know-how, foreign currency earnings and savings, more employment openings and balanced economic development.

Under the measures, investors would enjoy tax exemptions of five years on new projects, and three years on major expansions of projects already operational.

# Kuwait's money supply growth quickens

THE first quarter of 1989 witnessed several monetary developments, among which was a marked growth in money supply, particularly its components in KD, and the continuous rise in interest rates on KD in the money market, though at rates generally slower than those in the previous quarter, according to Central Bank of Kuwait's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin.

At the end of the first quarter 1989 money supply grew markedly by 4 per cent (KD202 million), totalling KD5,299 million. This growth resulted from the following:

■ An increase of KD266 million in the KD components of money supply, which was basically concentrated in time deposits (11.6 per cent or KD265 million over its level in the previous quarter), in addition to a slight increase in both currency in circulation and

sight deposits, against some decline in savings deposits.

■ A decrease of 4.9 per cent (KD64 million) in private sector deposits denominated in foreign currencies with commercial banks below their level in the previous quarter.

This decrease in deposits denominated in foreign currencies and the increase in KD time deposits are reflected in rising interest rates on the KD — as per amendment of the structure of local interest rates, effective December 11, 1988 — which reduced the differential between interest rates on the KD and foreign currencies.

Interest rates on KD interbank deposits increased markedly on all deposit maturities at rates ranging between a maximum of 18.32 per cent (from 7.20 per cent to 8.52 per cent) on one-year deposits and a minimum of

13.36 per cent (from 7.22 per cent to 8.18 per cent) on one-month deposits, while it was 15.85 per cent (from 7.34 per cent to 8.39 per cent) on three-month deposits.

This rise in interest rates on the KD in the money market is in line with the increase in interest rates on the KD as per amendment of the structure of local interest rates.

During the first quarter of 1989, the KD exchange rate had a mixed performance against major currencies, represented in its decline against the US dollar by 1.86 per cent below its level in the previous quarter and in its improvement against other major currencies, at rates ranging between a maximum of 3.2 per cent against the Swiss franc and a minimum of 0.05 per cent against the pound sterling.

During the first quarter of 1989, the Central Bank increased the issues of public debt instruments, as it offered ten issues of treasury bills (from issue No. 36 to issue No. 45), amounting to KD1,000 million.

Meanwhile, eight issues of treasury bills (No. 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 35), totalling KD770 million, together with issue No. 4 and issue No. 8 of treasury bonds (one-year maturity), totalling KD159.5 million, matured.

Thus, the outstanding balance of public debt instruments totalled KD1,465 million, distributed between treasury bills (KD1,000 million) and treasury bonds (KD465 million).

It can be noticed that the balance of local debt instruments has exceeded the maximum limit (KD1,400 million) of the public loan, which the government was authorised to borrow, as per the

Decree Law No. 50 of 1987, following the issuance of the Decree Law No. 13 of 1989 on March 12, 1989, raising the maximum limit of the public loan to KD3,000 million.

During the first quarter of 1989 the aggregate balance sheet of local banks declined slightly by 0.4 per cent (KD56 million) to reach KD12,407 million at the end of this quarter.

On the side of assets this decline resulted from a decrease of KD110 million in local assets and an increase of KD54 million in foreign assets.

On the side of liabilities, this decline is attributed to a decrease in both local resources by KD33 million and foreign liabilities by KD23 million.

It can be noted that private sector deposits with commercial banks realised in the first quarter of 1989, follow-

ing the amendment of the structure of local interest rates effective December 11, 1988, a noticeable increase of KD194 (4.1 per cent) over the previous quarter.

This increase came as a result of a considerable increase (KD258 million) in KD deposits (especially time deposits) and a decline of KD64 million in foreign currencies.

These changes show the effect of the amendment of the structure of interest rates on private sector deposits, resulting in reducing the differential between interest rates on the KD and major currencies.

During the first nine months of the fiscal year 1988/89 public revenues totalled KD1,604.1 million, 78.1 per cent of the estimates of the general budget, amounting to KD2,054 million.

Economy to grow at moderate rate of 2.7pc this year

## Slowdown could lead to recession

WASHINGTON, July 28. (AP): Many economists fear that the slowdown of the US economy could worsen into a recession despite the fact that it turned in its best performance in four years in 1988.

The more optimistic forecasters believe that expanding business investment, a slight rebound in consumer spending and moderating inflationary pressures will work to keep the economy growing, although at a very sluggish rate.

But the pessimists are concerned that growth will weaken so much during the second half of the year that some unforeseen event, such as too many unsold consumer goods or worsening inflation, could push the country into a slump.

Analysts were watching with keen interest Thursday as the Commerce Department released its first estimate of how the overall economy performed from April through June.

In advance of the report, many analysts believed the economy grew at an annual rate of about 2 per cent in the April-June quarter. That would represent a significant slowdown from the first three months of the year, when the GNP expanded at a brisk annual rate of 4.4 per cent.

Many economists are looking

for growth to slow even further in the final six months of 1988 as the economy feels the impact of a year long effort by the Federal Reserve to tighten interest rates as a means of dampening inflationary pressures.

The Fed finally relented in June and July, moving to lower interest rates somewhat after it detected signs that inflationary pressures were beginning to ease. But some economists are concerned that the credit-easing may have come too late to prevent an economic downturn.

Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co., is one of those who is looking for a recession to begin later this year or in early 1990.

"We have already had a recession in the housing sector over the last six months, caused by high mortgage rates," Sinai said.

"The question is whether the economy will be able to strengthen enough to offset weakness in consumer spending and weakness in manufacturing. I doubt it."

For its part, the US government is forecasting a slowdown in economic growth but no recession.

It updated its economic outlook last week, forecasting that the economy would grow at a moderate rate of 2.7 per cent

this year. This was down from a 3.5 per cent growth forecast for 1989 made by the outgoing Reagan administration.

Given the first quarter 4.4 per cent growth rate, that would indicate that the administration is looking for an average growth rate of around 2 per cent for the rest of the year.

However, many private economists believe that GNP growth could slip to around 1 per cent in the final half of the year. Such a sluggish growth rate would leave little room for error. If some shock such as a sudden jump in oil prices occurred, it could tip the balance over to a recession, analysts fear.

But Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm, said he was optimistic that the economy could avoid a downturn.

He said that Fed has switched from fighting inflation to worrying about a recession and the various moves to lower interest rates should spur home sales and other interest-sensitive sectors of the economy.

If that occurs, the Central Bank will achieve what it has been aiming for, a so-called "soft landing" in which growth slows enough to dampen inflationary pressures but not enough to pitch the economy into a downturn.

## Moscow seeks farming expertise

Hard slog ahead for joint ventures

LONDON, July 28. (Reuters): The Soviet Union is beginning to seek badly needed foreign farming expertise, but businessmen in the West see long and frustrating negotiations ahead.

"There are going to be an awful lot of teething problems," said a British commodity trader with 30 years experience of dealing with the Soviet Union.

"I think they will need at least 10 years," another Western businessman said.

In the past year the Soviet Union has announced a series of joint ventures and co-operation agreements with some of the world's leading agribusinesses, including Ferruzzi of Italy, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) of the United States and Soufflet of France.

Providing more food and consumer goods is crucial to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's

efforts to calm public unrest seen during recent miners' strikes in Siberia and the Ukraine.

Western analysts have been heartened by signs that many of the new ventures are aimed specifically at weaknesses in the Soviet food chain.

"I think the main interest is in the processing and distribution spheres," said Karl Eugen Wadekin, Soviet agriculture expert at West Germany's University of Giessen.

French grain merchants Soufflet and Intergrain are to help improve grain storage and conditioning equipment, the French government said earlier this month. Up to 20 per cent of Soviet crops is lost each year, some of it left rotting in fields.

Sweetener production is another area of growing co-operation as domestic demand outstrips sugar supplies, forcing

the Soviet Union to pay high prices on the world market.

A plant built in Soviet Kirgizia by Finnish company Cullor Oy to produce starch and sweeteners from grain is expected to come on line in 1991.

America's ADM says it plans to invest nearly \$1 billion in a huge plant to make sweeteners, starch, vegetable oil, margarine and alcohol from grain.

Businessmen said companies face formidable hurdles to get projects off the ground — there is an acute shortage of hard currency to buy technology, and the non-convertibility of the rouble makes taking profits out of the Soviet Union problematic.

France and the United States have set up consortia of companies to overcome the currency problem by taking exports of crude oil, petroleum, wood and metals in payment.

## Workers locked out by UK firm

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, July 28. (AP): More than 400 production workers at a British electrical factory in Cape Town were locked out yesterday and threatened with dismissal unless they dropped their demands for a 25 per cent wage increase.

The workers, predominantly of mixed race, staged a protest outside the Plessey Co. factory in Diepvoort, a township near Cape Town.

Most of the locked-out workers are members of the electrical and allied workers trade union and represent more than 80 per cent of the production personnel at the plant. The company has offered

them a 17 per cent wage increase and has threatened to fire them unless they accept the offer by Aug 8.

Union officials said they were angry because Plessey implemented the lock-out and issued the dismissal threat under a new labour law that has been vehemently opposed by anti-apartheid trade unions.

"We are outraged that a company that is part of the international community would make use of the regime's oppressive labour laws," said one union spokesman, Brian Williams.

## Consumers seen winning in digital audio tape agreement

TOKYO, July 28. (Reuters): World electronics and record industries announced an agreement today that could lead to global marketing of digital audio tape (DAT) recorders early next year and which industry analysts said makes consumers the winners.

The agreement calls on governments to endorse a new DAT standard that permits direct recording of compact discs (CDs) but limits subsequent dubbing of those copies.

"This agreement, which recognises the basic interests of consumers and the mutual interdependence of these industries, is a major breakthrough for creators, consumers and industry," a joint statement said.

The new generation DAT machines, offering CD-quality sound, are an improvement over current decks. These copy CDs by converting signals from digital to analogue and as a result degrade the sound quality slightly.

The agreement resolved a contentious, three-year stalemate that had made the highly-touted DAT recorder a commercial dud.

It will mean large-scale DAT sales if major industrial countries introduce regulations banning DAT decks which do not include the special chip which precludes unauthorised copying.

An official for Hitachi, a major DAT maker, said it was hard to predict when such laws would be in place.

Once introduced, prices will begin to fall and DAT decks are expected to become standard equipment by a.ound 1992-3, analysts say.

Today's ordinary cassette decks will go the way of vinyl records, rapidly being replaced by CD.

"The image of DAT has not been very positive. But now it will be, so we can expect sales to boom," said a spokesman for Pioneer Electronic Corporation.

Japanese firms introduced the machines in 1987 for sale in Japan, and later some European countries. A scant 60-70,000 decks have been sold due largely to a high price of around \$1,000 and the lack of pre-recorded tapes.

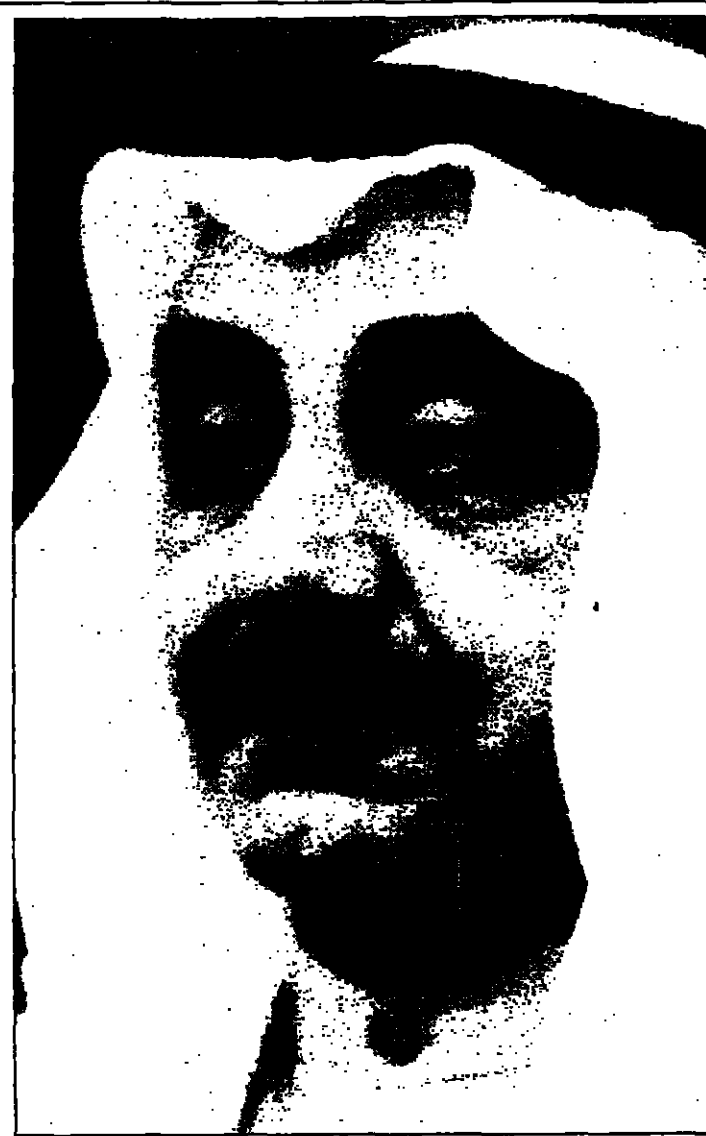
The recording industry, fearing DAT decks would encourage rampant home taping and record piracy, originally refused to issue pre-recorded DAT tapes and threatened lawsuits if makers sold the machines.

If the new deal goes through smoothly, prices will fall rapidly.

"The average price in Japan is around 110,000 yen (\$790) but this will probably fall through 100,000 yen (\$720) next year," said a spokesman for Sony.

"It will take a couple of years before DAT is up and running, but then we'll see annual sales worth 600 billion to one trillion yen (\$4 to 7 billion)," said Darrell Whitten, an analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities.

The new anti-copy protection scheme,



Jassem Al Khorafi

## Khorafi optimistic about economies

KUWAIT, July 28. (KUNA): Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi yesterday emphasised that cessation of the Iraq-Iran war and the state of relative political stability presently enjoyed by the region are causes for optimism in reactivating Gulf economies.

The official, in a press interview published yesterday in a local daily, said that the unified economic agreement concluded by the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states is the framework for GCC economic integration, noting, however, that attainment of aspired goals would take some time.

Turning to the issue of encouraging the private sector as a government objective over the next stage, Khorafi pointed out that state acquisition of stakes of some of the private companies lately was only a temporary measure that has been dictated by necessity.

"Hence," he said, "returning these institutions to the private sector is one of the government's aims in the next stage, with due consideration to the method in which these companies will be returned completely without affecting the principle of offer and demand."

On the performance of these companies, Khorafi assured that it has greatly improved lately according to available figures and stressed continuous checking and assessment of these companies' activities with the idea of ensuring desired results.

Asked on Kuwait's investments in Egypt, the finance minister described them as solid and cause for optimism, adding the government was continuously following them in order to resolve negative aspects and build on positive sides.

Khorafi concluded by declaring end of the 1982 crash in the local stock market (Souk Al Manakh), saying aftermath of debt entanglements caused by the crisis had been successfully cleared off.

Meanwhile, finance ministers of the four member states of the Arab Co-operation Council yesterday adopted a host of resolutions and recommendations with the aim of furthering economic integration among them.

The council, formed earlier this year, groups Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and the Yemen Arab Republic.

The Iraqi News Agency reported that the four ministers have approved articles concerning financial and monetary co-operation stipulated in the agreement setting up the council.

The ministers also endorsed co-ordination among the monetary and financial establishments in the member states in the field of drawing up the financial, economic and monetary frameworks and their future trends, in addition to co-ordinating the stances of the four countries at international forums.

They also approved the best ways for drawing up the financial and monetary policies with the eventual objective of realising economic integration among the council states, according to the agency.

Competitive wages

## Nissan cultivates benevolent image

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, July 28. (AP): The most visible sign of Nissan's participatory style of management at its only US plant is work clothes.

Employees from production workers all the way up to company president Jerry Benfield wear blue uniforms. His light blue shirt says "Nissan" on one side of the front and "Jerry" on the other.

This image of benevolent, democratic management is one that the Nissan motor manufacturing USA plant has carefully cultivated since production of pick-up trucks began in 1983 at the highly-automated plant in Smyrna, 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Nashville.

"We're going to continue operating this company the same as we always have," Benfield said yesterday after learning Nissan workers had rejected representation by the United Auto Workers Union by a margin of more than 2-1.

"We're going to try to treat our people fairly, provide a good environment for them to work in, provide competitive wages and benefits and ask them to participate with us in managing the company," he said.

Since its arrival in Smyrna, Nissan has promoted its Japanese-style management philosophy of worker participation. Managers and workers meet as equal partners to solve problems, and executives have an open-door policy.

Nissan workers also receive generous benefits: ■ A plan that lets them lease Nissan cars and trucks at a discount. The employees pay for gas and oil; Nissan pays the insurance and maintenance.

■ A recreation facility that includes softball fields, two swimming pools, a golf driving range, tennis courts, a running trail, horseshoe pits and picnic areas.

■ A fitness centre at Nissan's training centre. In addition, Nissan hosts numerous employee family outings. At one of the first in 1983, Ruyon did a stint on dunking machine. Employees' families were offered rides over the plant in a Goodyear blimp as part of another Nissan celebration that year.

The company is not shy about publicising its accomplishments. Nissan put on extravagant productions when its first truck came off the assembly line in 1983. The truck was donated to the Tennessee State Museum.

To celebrate its 500,000th vehicle, Nissan held a "reverse drawing" and gave a car to the employee whose name was the last one left in a fish bowl.

The plant's millionth vehicle was given away, again through a drawing, to a Nissan customer last week.

## Aid plan proposed

Conference to raise \$2b

LISBON, Portugal, July 28. (AP): A donors' conference to raise \$2 billion for Angola's economic recovery plan is to be held in the war-torn former Portuguese colony next year, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The meeting, set for the fall of 1990, would be organised by Portugal and is likely to be held in the Angolan capital city of Luanda, the diplomat said.

The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Jose Manuel Durao Barroso and his Angolan counterpart, Julio Sampaio, met Monday in Lisbon with representatives of the UN Development Programme, the World Bank and the African Development Bank. The session was held to set up a timetable and discuss details of the recovery plan.

The first phase of the project would be to relocate the 650,000 Angolans displaced in the nation's 14-year civil war, rebuild infrastructures, and train agricultural, fishery and mine workers, the diplomat said.

During this phase, likely to last two to four years, Portugal plans to dispatch technical advisers, teachers and medical staff to its former African colony.

Angola's hospitals are expected to lose nearly 70 per cent of their staffs as Cuban doctors and nurses are repatriated along with troops leaving Angola under regional peace accords signed last December.

The plan will be funded internationally, with Portugal and the UN Development Programme playing central roles.

The UN Development Programme already runs a similar multi-million dollar scheme to rebuild infrastructures and lure foreign investment to parts of Angola unscathed by the war, like the southern port of Namibe.

"The plan is much broader than we originally envisaged," the diplomat said.

## Boardman speaks out

LONDON, July 28. (Reuters): The former chairman of National Westminster Bank, who resigned over a shares scandal which has rocked London's financial market, has criticised two men whom he said were not named in a government report on the case.

"If those not criticised in the report had done their job properly, none of this would have happened," Lord Boardman said in an interview in Thursday's Financial Times newspaper.

Boardman and bank directors Charles Green, Terry Green and John Plastow, resigned after a government report accused NatWest subsidiary County NatWest of misleading the stock market in the wake of the 1987 takeover of Manpower Inc of the United States by British employment agency Blue Arrow PLC.

Although Boardman was not named in the report, National Westminster Bank said his resignation on Tuesday as chairman of Britain's biggest commercial bank was in support of his colleagues because he felt ultimately responsible.

The Financial Times said he named the two men as Jonathan Cohen, former chief executive of County NatWest, and Charles Villiers, its former chairman.

"They had a considerable amount of experience and we had no reason to believe that they were in any way incompetent," Lord Boardman said in the interview.

The Financial Times said Cohen and Villiers were on holiday and unavailable for comment. Both men resigned in February after the parent bank learned of the events surrounding the takeover.

County NatWest is alleged by the report to have misled the stock market after it underwrote a failed rights issue made to fund a \$1.3 billion Blue Arrow bid for Manpower.

The report last week said County NatWest was left with a 13.4 per cent Blue Arrow stake but failed to disclose it as required by law.



Master conductor of opera, orchestra and recordings

# Karajan: controversial titan of music

By Martin Kettle

HERBERT VON KARAJAN'S abilities were spotted early. In the first of the Second World War, Victor de Sabata heard Karajan's Tristan in Berlin and told the State Opera director: "Mark my words. In the next 25 years this man will rule the whole world of music and leave his mark on it."

The only thing which de Sabata got wrong was the sheer length of Karajan's reign. Half a century later he has died, the great performing musician of his time and a man whose celebrity bridged the world. He was as much — if not more — of a name in Japan and America as he was in many parts of Europe. His association with the Vienna and, especially, the Berlin Philharmonic orchestras was unmatched by any other conductor-orchestra relationship.

Yet his real importance lay neither in the concert hall nor the opera house but in his connection with the recording industry. Karajan was quite simply the central figure in the mass marketing of classical music for a worldwide domestic market for more than 30 years.

As he grew older, everything that Karajan did was geared to its exploitation in the whole music industry. His "operatic" performances, later given only at Salzburg to probably the richest audiences in the world, were never given simply for the theatre. They were prepared with recording, and more recently with video recording in mind. Almost every Karajan opera recording of modern times — and many of them were recordings of works he had done 10 years before — emerged in this way. "Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera" — an unusual Karajan first — which was performed at Salzburg this spring, will presumably be the last in this cycle.

Logical Karajan's refusal to waste his performances, also produced many audio recordings in his declining years. His Wagner concert with Jessye Norman at Salzburg in August 1987 has now become one such bestseller. Containing 4 minutes of music, it was extremely near fair for an expensive concert, but 4 minutes is the ideal length for the compact disc, so that was all the audience got. His Vienna New Year's Day concert in 1987 produced another justly successful recording as well as affording a rare glimpse of Karajan in his short speech in favour of world peace.

Karajan's later recording career was in many ways the logical climax of his long career. Though he made a few variable



Commanding loyalty: Baton in hand, von Karajan conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at a Salzburg concert in 1987.

recordings before the war (many of which were re-issued for his 80th birthday last year), his reputation took off as a result of his connection with Walter Legge and Legge's Philharmonia Orchestra in the late 40s.

Even at this early stage in his career, when he was finding work hard to come by because of his controversial Nazi association, Karajan was determined not to sell his services cheap. It took, Legge recalled "months of discussion" to get Karajan finally under contract.

In London, with Legge's hand-picked orchestra containing many outstanding players and with the benefit of excellent rehearsal conditions, Karajan produced a series of classic orchestral and operatic recordings whose appearance was brilliantly timed to take advantage of the shift from 78 to LP in the 1950s. Some of his best work was done at this time, notably his outstanding Der Rosenkavalier, Ariadne auf Naxos and Falstaff, as well as memorable concerto discs with Dinu Lipatti and some uncharacteristic excursions into Britten and Vaughan Williams. Yet Karajan was never just a recording conductor. His concerts, especially before he became badly injured, could be electrifying occasions. His Brahms 2nd, his Bruckner 5th, and above all, Strauss's Ein Heldenleben in London in recent decades, were each unforgettable powerful experiences

which roused extreme enthusiasm among audiences.

Much of that power came from his long, and until near the end, highly creative relationship with the Berlin Philharmonic, an orchestra whose stature is due more to Karajan than to any other single influence.

The pursuit of the highest excellence was the essential Karajan trademark — and ultimately the most problematic aspect of his personality. One of Karajan's earliest but most formative experiences was hearing Toscanini's La Scala Fastaff on tour in Vienna in 1929. The 21-year-old wrote later: "From the first bar it was as if I had been struck a blow."



Von Karajan conducts with the passionate intensity that was his hallmark.

I was completely disconcerted by the perfection which had been achieved."

The key word here is perfection. To an earlier generation it was Toscanini's role to reveal so-called definitive performances of the classic repertoire. In the pioneering days of radio and recording, this gave the Italian conductor an epic popular status especially in America.

In this respect, Karajan was in many ways Toscanini's direct successor. But his stage was even greater. Karajan's obsessive search for "perfection" in performance and sound quality converged with the burgeoning awareness of the recording companies that Karajan could be presented, as Toscanini had once been, as in some sense the authoritative interpreter of the classics. As technology improved, and as new generations invested in new generations of equipment, Karajan was always on hand to record his definitive interpretation in ever more definitive performances.

By the end, most people — except the accountants — had lost count of the number of Beethoven cycles he had issued.

There was something increasingly unattractive about the way Karajan — apparently willingly — was marketed. In 1977, the cover of his third Beethoven cycle displayed a picture of the conductor rather than the composer. The sleeve titles blazed BEETHOVEN and

KARAJAN with equal emphasis. Inside, the booklet sported three pictures of Beethoven compared with no less than 13 of Karajan. There were essays: "Karajan: artist and man" and "Karajan talks about music". It was increasingly obvious that what was being marketed was the mastery, ego and authority of the conductor rather than the very different qualities of a mere composer.

## Survivor

It was often said that Karajan was the last great survivor of the German world's musical patrimony, its tradition of one city-based, serious and reverential recreation of the great Central European repertoire from Bach onwards. In some ways, this was so. His loyalty to Berlin supports it and Karajan was still recording Bach with a big band long after it had gone out of fashion elsewhere. But for all the long tenure in Berlin, he was not the last of the Kapellmeisters. That tradition lives on in Sawallisch, Wand and Masur, not in Karajan.

Karajan was rooted in the old German world, but he was essentially a post-war German/Austrian. He was more interested in doing it well than in doing it the old way. He was in fact much more open to other musical traditions than many Central Europeans.

He was one of the few conductors from the German tradition who could do Italian opera well. He was excellent in Sibelius and he was capable of great performances of the second Viennese school.

In second rate music he was untouchable. Think of his Respighi, Puccini, Honneger and Strauss. It is ultimately far more convincing than his Mozart, Beethoven, Mahler or his Debussy.

In the end, Karajan perhaps became too powerful for his own and anybody else's good. The magnificence of the Berlin Philharmonic's great wind section, its extraordinary, powerfully-toned string playing and its unrivalled technical competence, actually began to become boring under Karajan's baton, partly because his interpretations lost the spontaneity they had in more urgent times.

In his last years, in enormous pain, Karajan's legendary control over his players began to loosen. Some of his recent concerts and records were surprisingly imperfect.

Herbert von Karajan was undoubtedly a great conductor and a particularly great operatic conductor. But his role in the music industry ultimately became baleful and unhealthy and a younger generation of conductors and audiences possibly find him more of an encumbrance than an inspiration.

# Bros surges to UK top slot

## Prince prances to No. 1

NEW YORK, (AP) Prince took his *Batdance* — from the hit summer movie "Batman" — to the number one spot among best selling single pop records in the United States.

If *You Don't Know Me By Now* by Simply Red stayed on for the second week in a row in second position on the Cash Box Magazine chart, *Express Yourself* by Madonna slipped from the top to third place.

Soaring fast on the top 10 list was a hit from another movie — *On Our Own* by Bobby Brown, from "Ghostbusters II," up from 11th to 5th.

The week's only other newcomer to the list was *So Alive* by Love and Rockets, up from 12th to 7th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Dolly Parton took over the top of the Cash Box Magazine chart with *Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That*. Ronnie Milsap's *Houston Solution* was second, and Billy Joe Royal's *Love Has No Right* was third.

## US Top Ten

The Top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (4) *Batdance* — Prince (Paisley Park-Warner Brothers).
- (2) *You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra).
- (1) *Express Yourself* — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
- (3) *Toy Soldiers* — Marika (Columbia).
- (11) *On Our Own* — Bobby Brown (MCA).
- (10) *Lay Your Hands On Me* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (12) *So Alive* — Love and Rockets (RCA).
- (8) *What You Don't Know* — Exposé (Arista).
- (3) *Good Thing* — Fine Young Cannibals (I.R.S.).
- (6) *Baby Don't Forget My Number* — Milli Vanilli (Arista).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (4) *Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That* — Dolly Parton (Columbia).
- (2) *Houston Solution* — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
- (6) *Love Has No Right* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
- (1) *Cathy's Clown* — Reba McEntire (MCA).
- (8) *Sunday In The South* — Shenandoah (Columbia).
- (3) *What's Going On In Your World* — George Strait (MCA).
- (12) *Timber I'm Falling In Love* — Patty Loveless (MCA).
- (5) *She's Got A Single Thing In Mind* — Conway Twitty (MCA).
- (7) *Lovin' Only Me* — Ricky Skaggs (EPIC).
- (17) *Are You Ever Gonna Love Me* — Holly Dunn (Warner Brothers).

In London, Bros, the British heart-throb duo Matthew and Luke Goss, surged to the top of the British pop singles chart with *Too Much* this week.

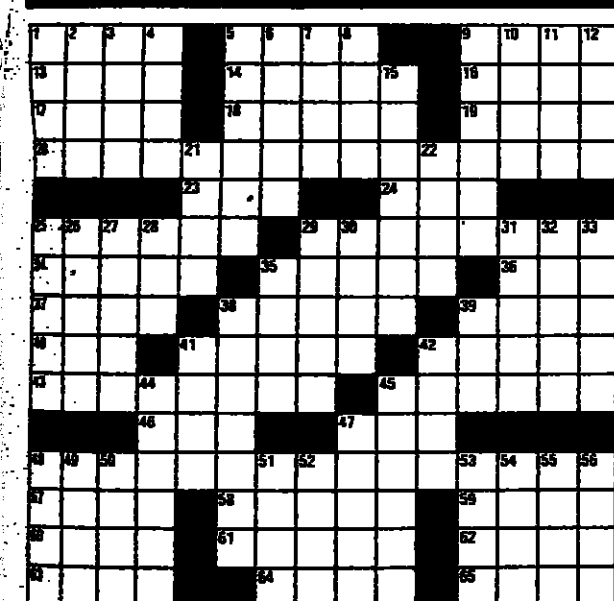
Bros entered the charts at No. 1, keeping out *Swing The Moon* by Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers, who jumped from 42nd place to second.

## UK Top Ten

This week's Top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in brackets:

- (—) *Too Much* — Bros (CBS).
- (42) *Swing The Moon* — Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers (Music Factory).
- (3) *You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* — Sonia (Chrysalis).
- (2) *On Our Own* — Bobby Brown (MCA).
- (4) *Ain't Nobody* — Rufus and Chaka Khan (Warner Brothers).
- (1) *Back to Life* — Soul II Soul-Caron Wheeler (10 records).
- (5) *London Nights* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
- (—) *French Kiss* — Lil Louis (London).
- (6) *Wind Beneath My Wings* — Bette Midler (Atlantic).
- (12) *Don't Wanna Lose You* — Gloria Estefan (Epic).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Domesticated
  - Understood
  - Renovate
  - Affirm
  - Type of card
  - Famous garden
  - Force of a different color
  - Obituary
  - Ashen
  - Landmarks
  - Along the banks of the Mississippi
  - Isle of —
  - England
  - Golf score
  - Acute food
  - Peaking
  - Correct
  - Butt-on-down
  - Companion of neither
  - Pain fruit
  - Abounds
  - Grimm
  - character
  - French summer
  - Rent out
  - Eaten away
  - Twists out of shape
  - Announced
  - Toronto museum, for short
  - Red, White or Blue
  - Mississippi riverboats, for example
  - Merit
  - Alpine region
  - Small opening
  - Wm. in Paris
  - Harden
  - Arabian chieftain
  - Saga
  - Resting
- DOWN
- Scarlett's home
  - Stratford's river
  - Accompaniment of potatoes
  - Sea eagle
  - "Remington"
  - Like some birds
  - Of an age
  - People of southwest
  - Give an account
  - Colorful cheese
  - Editor's note
  - Singles
  - Dispositions
  - Make concessions
  - Biblical verb
  - Lost color
  - Priceless violin
  - Dolls out
  - Chemical ending
  - Board game
  - Hoarfrost
  - Metal bar
  - Scandinavian
  - Avarice
  - Do an usher's job
  - Social insect
  - Mouth: Lat.
  - Ransack
  - Relative of etc.
  - Hypnotic state
  - Shut tight
  - Reproductive cell
  - Achievement
  - Volcanic output
  - City on the Oka
  - One of Columbus' ships
  - Eats
  - Imitated
  - Singer Perry
  - Goddess of discord
  - Dried and withered

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
NONE BUT THE BOLD

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ 9 3  
♦ Q 9 7 4  
♣ Q J 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ K 3  
♣ A 10

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 7 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ A J 10 8 2  
♣ 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ A Q J 10 8 2  
♦ A 6 5  
♣ K 9 6 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♥  
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

When a skilled player makes an unusual play you can assume there is a good reason for it. If you can work out why something strange occurred, the cure can become obvious.

At any vulnerability, especially favorable, East would have been better advised to raise his partner's weak two-bid all the way to game as a two-way action—it might make,

or it could jack up the auction to a level where the opponents could not interfere.

West's opening lead of a low spade was taken by declarer's ace, and a club hit the table. That was a peculiar play with five clubs in the dummy, since it risked for an adverse ruff. West asked himself: Why didn't declarer draw trumps before playing on clubs? There was only one answer: Declarer had to have a hole in the trump suit.

That meant declarer had to have started with a singleton ace of spades. The club lead, therefore, had to be an attempt to get to the table for a discard on the king of spades, to be followed by a trump finesse. To prevent that desperate measure was called for, and West was up to the task. He rose with the ace of clubs and boldly shifted to the king of diamonds. A diamond to the ten, followed by the ace, cooked declarer's goose.

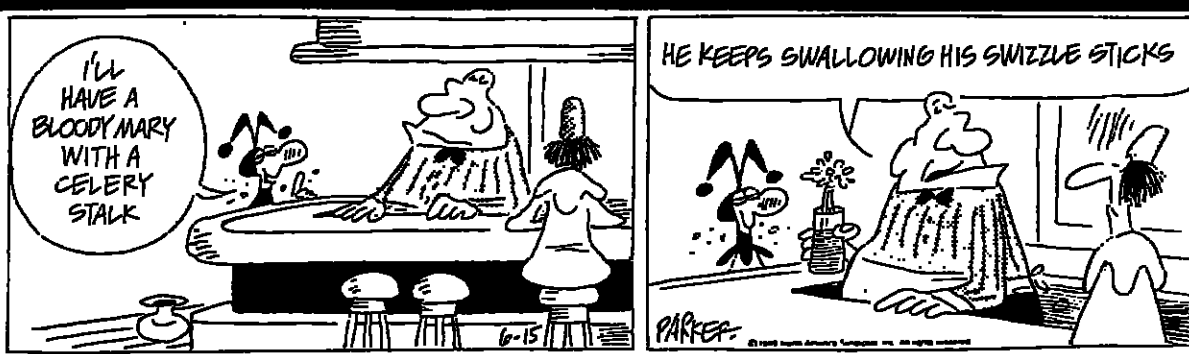
He was able to prevent an over-ruff by trumping with an honor, but West countered by discarding his remaining club. Declarer had no way to get to the board for the trump finesse, so he had to concede a trick to the king of hearts for down one.



"His parents, grandparents, and each of his great-grandparents were all concert pianists."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. However, do take care not to overdo it. Avoid trying to head in two directions at the same time. Be more impartial.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will be fascinated by a hobby, but do not allow it to take up too much of your spare time. Do not try to use force where persuasion has not succeeded. Concentrate hard on what you are doing. Be generous.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will be able to deal with something that has been on your conscience. You will spend more than you had allowed for and will have to make economies. Avoid asking for more than you know you deserve. Be magnanimous.
- Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
You should have a little more faith in yourself. And you should not allow some small setback to discourage you. You will be able to reassure a friend who has had some bad luck recently. Be polite.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be able to make a small change which will make a great deal of difference. You must beware of looking only on the bright and positive side, negative factors should not be forgotten. Be tolerant.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
Make sure you do not get into a muddle, and clear it up quickly if you happen to. If you pretend to expertise you have not got you will be found out. Something you had feared might happen will not. Be prudent.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
Nothing will go quite the way you had hoped it would, but some things will be better than they could have been. You are all too liable to jump to conclusions and should try to refrain from so doing.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will not entirely have the success you had expected, but you could have done a lot worse. You should avoid investing time and money in a venture that is too good to be true. Show a little more respect towards your elders.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will tend to feel rather superior to others but that is the wrong attitude. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 21. Do not just replace a blown fuse — have the item connected at the time looked at. Do not neglect an infection.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
There will be a development you had half expected, but not in the way you had expected it. Do not entirely trust to your own instincts, instead discuss matters with a colleague. Avoid engaging in intrigue. Be consistent.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You should not do the first thing that comes to mind, give matters a little more thought. Work hard but do not let work become the be all and end all of your life. Watch out for mistakes and not only those made by you. Be methodical.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
You will have something to be pleased about. A personal project will proceed more smoothly than you had expected. You should avoid living too much in the past. Be firm.



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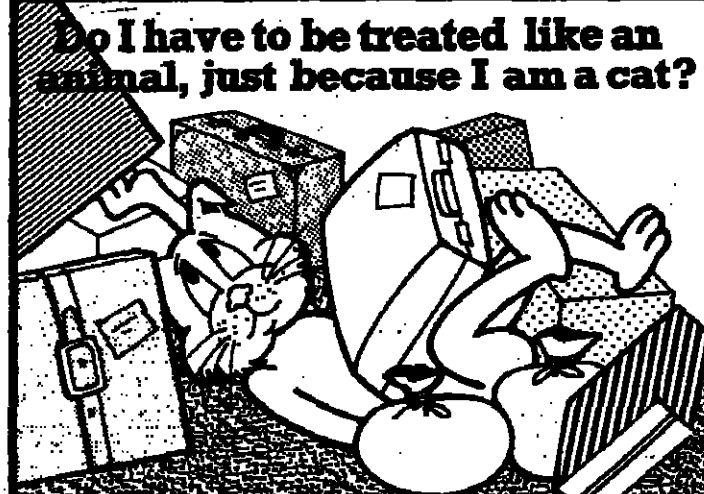
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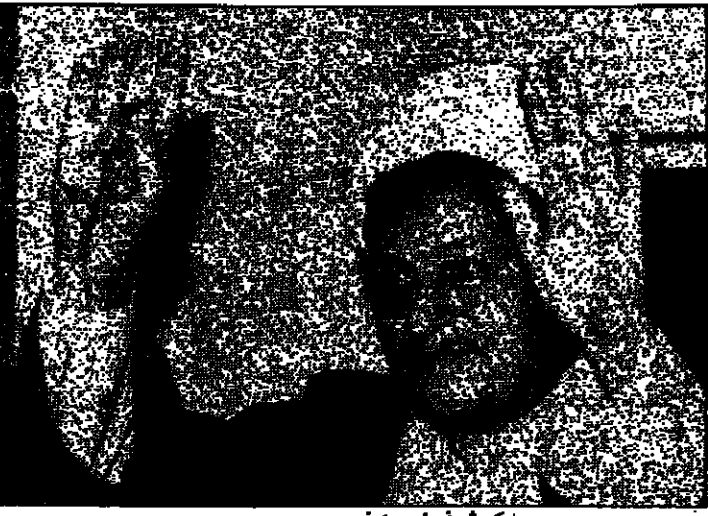




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# China announces plans for Games

BEIJING, July 28, (AP) — The 1990 Asian Games in Beijing will open with a two-hour, 40-minute spectacle featuring wushu martial arts experts, sky divers and traditional dancers, the China Daily newspaper said yesterday.

It quoted organizers as saying the highlight will be a group calisthenics performance by 20,000 people in Beijing's newly renovated workers' stadium. It said a 600-member

military band will play march tunes and teams of hundreds of Japanese and Chinese experts will demonstrate taij.

The games will close with a 40-minute ceremony including a dance by thousands of performers and athletes, the report said.

The Asian Games are scheduled to open in Beijing on Sept. 22, 1990, and will be China's largest international sports event ever.

China is building 27 new sports arenas and

support facilities, such as housing for athletes and hotels for spectators. But construction is lagging behind schedule and the government recently said it was at least 300 million yuan (\$81 million) short of what it needed to finish.

The country's recent political turmoil, including declaration of martial law in Beijing and street fighting between pro-democracy demonstrators and troops, further set back construction.

# Reds end losing run

## Orioles on brink of loss record

NEW YORK, July 28, (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds ended their longest losing streak in 23 years yesterday by beating the San Diego Padres 6-1.

But that may not be enough to see them to the National League West Championship, many fans had predicted.

"It'll take a miracle to win the West," manager Pete Rose said after yesterday's game that brought their 10-game losing streak to an end.

The victory, only the 11th in 42 games as the Reds have plunged to fifth place in the NL West, did

little to brighten the team's prospects. Cincinnati still has six players on the disabled list.

Braves 10, Giants 1

Atlanta's Dale Murphy tied Major League records with two homers and six RBIs in an inning as the Braves routed the San Francisco Giants 10-1.

Murphy's home runs equalled a record shared by 13 other players. The last to do it was Von Hayes of the Philadelphia Phillies on June 11, 1985 in a 26-7 rout of the New York Mets.

The six RBIs matched a record shared by nine other players, the

last Ander Dawson of the Montreal Expos on Sept. 24, 1985.

Dodgers 7, Astros 5

Eddie Murray's pinch-hit, three-run homer with one out in the ninth marked only the second failure by Houston relief ace Dave Smith in 24 save opportunities.

Murray, batting for Dave Anderson, hit a 2-0 pitch over the right-field fence.

Pirates 10, Mets 8

Jay Bell, a .128 hitter, blooped a three-run, pinch-hit triple to cap a five-run seventh inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates swept a three-game series against the New York Mets for the first time since 1981.

Bell's triple came off relief ace Randy Myers as the Pirates won their fifth straight game.

The Pirates took a 5-0 lead in the first off Sid Fernandez on Barry Bonds' two-run single and R.J. Reynolds' three-run homer. Reynolds also walked with the bases loaded in the decisive seventh.

Twins 10, Orioles 6

The Baltimore Orioles are on the verge of making history. If they lose this evening in Kansas City, they will tie the American League record for consecutive losses by a first-place team — nine.

Baltimore lost its eight straight game last night, 10-6 to Min-

nesota. "It's growing pains right now," manager Frank Robinson said. "It's a little of everything. It's not just one thing."

The Orioles, who have relied on rookies more than any team in the majors, can match the mark of nine consecutive losses by the 1953 New York Yankees and the 1970 Twins. The Major League record for losses by a first-place team is 10 by Pittsburgh in 1932.

Baltimore's lead in the AL East slipped to four games — its smallest since June 17 — over Toronto and Cleveland. The Yankees are sixth, just 6 1/2 games behind.

Angels 8, White Sox 5

In California, the Angels' Chili Davis and Jack Howell hit three-run homers to beat the Chicago White Sox for their eighth victory in nine games.

Red Sox 7, Royals 2

In Boston, Kevin Romine homered and doubled as the Red Sox ended Tom Gordon's seven-game winning streak. Kansas City lost for the fourth time in five games.

Results	American League	National League
Milwaukee 7, Detroit 1	1	1
Boston 7, Kansas City 2	2	2
Minnesota 10, Baltimore 6	3	3
California 8, Chicago 5	4	4
Cincinnati 10, San Diego 1	5	5
Pittsburgh 10, New York 8	6	6
Los Angeles 7, Houston 5	7	7
Atlanta 10, San Francisco 1	8	8



Pirates' R.J. Reynolds (left) hit a three-run homer.

## Mayfield takes cycling gold medal

REDMOND, Washington, July 28, (UPI) — Defending champion Minnie Mayfield yesterday cycled to a gold medal for the women's 3,000-metre individual pursuit in the 1989 US Track Cycling Nationals with her final round win over Bunk Bankaitis-Davis.

Mayfield came in under four minutes with a time of 3:58.57, racing past Bankaitis-Davis in their meet at Redmond's Marymoor Park Velodrome. Bankaitis-Davis finished in 4:01.66.

Last year runner-up Peggy Maass came in third beating Kendra Kneeland by over six seconds. Maass clocked in at 4:02.62 and Kneeland finished with a 4:08.77.

In the final round of the men's 4,000-metre individual pursuit, Steve Hegg won the gold medal with his 4:52.01 finish over Tim Bengtson who clocked a 5:03.30.

The race for third and fourth place was not run because Darrell Batke scratched, giving Carl Sundquist the bronze medal.

Hegg set a world record (which has since been broken) of 4:35.57 in pursuit qualifying for the 1984 Olympics and Sundquist set the Marymoor track record in 1986 of 4:49.52.

The world record, held by Soviet Guntatas Umaras, is 4:31.16.

In a major upset in the tandem sprint event, partners Marty Nothstein and Paul Swift beat defending champions Bart Bell of Rayburn and Tom Brinker.

In the best of three final round, Nothstein and Swift won two straight with times of 1:06 and 1:07.

Third place went to David Lindsey and his partner Ben Young when Matt Rayner had to drop out of the race because of back problems. He and his partner, Mark Garrett took fourth.

## Holmertz sets 1989 200m best

LANDSKRONA, Sweden, July 28, (Reuters) — Sweden's Anders Holmertz clocked the fastest 200 metres freestyle time in the world this year when he won the event at the national championships in one minute 48.15 seconds on Wednesday.

European champion Holmertz touched well inside the previous 1989 best of 1:48.72 set by Italian Giorgio Lamberti in Rome last month but outside the 1:47.25 world mark of Seoul Olympic champion Duncan Armstrong of Australia.

Holmertz, silver medallist behind Armstrong in Seoul, set out at world-record pace and turned at 100 metres in 52.68 seconds.

But he could not maintain the speed to surpass Armstrong's world mark.

## 'Karolyi's kindergarten' dominates Zmeskal takes top spot

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 28, (UPI) — Kim Zmeskal, one of the gymnastic students of famed coach Bela Karolyi, took the lead yesterday at the US Olympic Festival in the national debut of the girls who will most likely carry America's hopes at the Barcelona Olympics.

Zmeskal, who at age 13 is on target to reach her gymnastic peak in the Olympic year in 1992, scored 37.550 points in the four compulsory exercises to 37.075 for another 13-year-old Karolyi student, Amanda Uherek. The individual finals were to be held today and the apparatus final will be Sunday.

Since the festival competition is being used to determine the United States national junior team, the competitors are all 12, 13 or 14 years old.

"It's a kindergarten now," Karolyi said after seeing his pupils take six of the top seven places. "But this kindergarten is going to the Olympics in 1992 — I promise you."

In addition to the debut of "Karolyi's kindergarten," the preliminary men's diving com-

petition provided a failed attempt at history.

Mark Lenzi, the defending NCAA 3-metre diving champion, tried unsuccessfully to become the first American to perform a 4-1/2 somersault off the springboard.

Lenzi failed to make the last rotation and drew scores of 3 and 4 out of a possible 10 for the effort.

Despite the inability to pull off the dive, he easily qualified for today's 3-metre finals along with the festival's other two star divers — Mark Bradshaw and Patrick Jeffrey. Lenzi, Bradshaw and Jeffrey are fighting for American diving superiority now that Greg Louganis, the all-time dominant figure in the sport, has retired.

Bradshaw qualified first with 635.75 points while Jeffrey scored 617.60. Lenzi qualified seventh at 551.15.

The women's gymnastics competition looked like a grade school recess except for the fact that the small girls, some of them barely four feet tall, were doing dramatic stunts on the bar and beam. Zmeskal, for instance,

stands only 4-foot-3 and weighs 65 pounds.

"These little ones are stronger than the seniors," Karolyi said. "They grew up with (American gymnastic stars) Kim Zmeskal, Kim Zmeskal, Kim Zmeskal."

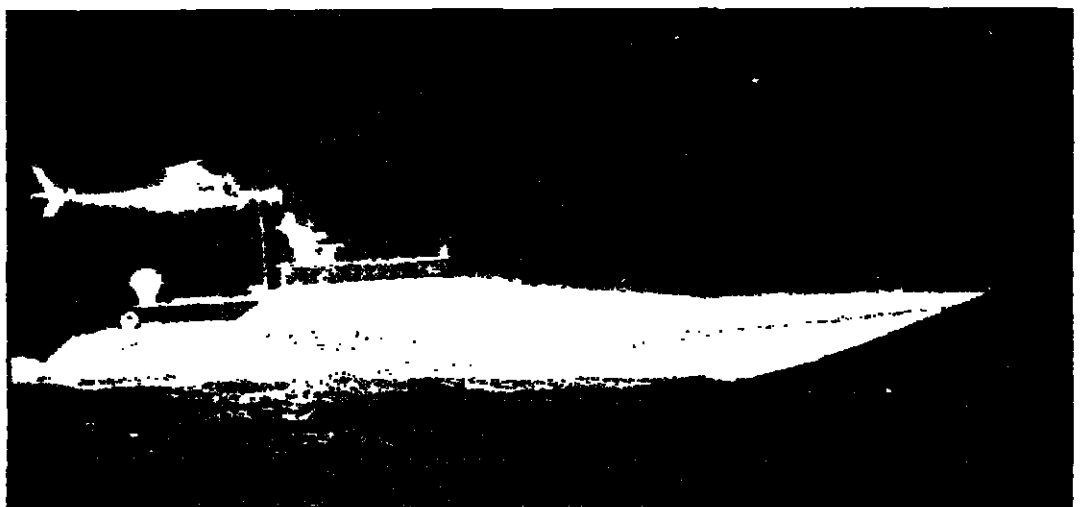
"They went to competitions with them, were with them in practice everyday and they watched. I'm proud of all the kids, all the kids in this festival competition. We see childish mistakes, but they are children. You also see great performances."

"I'm very proud of the seniors, proud they are still competing. These seniors won't slow down because they can't slow down. If they do, this group will swallow them up."

Karolyi pupil Nadia Comaneci became a household name and touched off a gymnastics boom in the United States, but when Karolyi defected from Romania to the United States he found he was not always welcome within the sporting community. He is now an American citizen and he at last feels he belongs in this country.

## US powerboat sets transatlantic record

### Gentry Eagle completes trip in 62 hours, seven mins



The Gentry Eagle passes the Bishop's Rock Lighthouse. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, July 28, (UPI) — A US powerboat team took the record for a transatlantic crossing yesterday, slashing 16 hours off the previous record and winning back the Blue Riband Trophy for the United States.

Hawaii real estate developer and offshore powerboat world champion Thomas Gentry's 110-foot (33.5 m) boat Gentry Eagle completed the 3,439 mile (5,534 km) trip in 62 hours, 7 minutes at an average speed of 55 miles per hour (88 kph) in calm seas and light winds.

Gentry claimed the record a year after his first attempt ended in failure, beating the three-year-old record of Englishman

Richard Branson, who took the Blue Riband with an 80 hour crossing.

Critics of Branson said the Blue Riband was contested by passenger-liners only and said the record set up 37 years ago by the S.S. United States still stood.

But Gentry, who crossed the finish line at Bishop's Rock Lighthouse, 24 miles (40 km) southwest of the British mainland in the isles of Scilly, said Branson's record had inspired him in his trip from New York.

"I followed (Branson) very closely and the day after Richard broke the record I thought, who here in the United States is going to do that," said the 59-year-old

Gentry.

Celebrating after landing in the Isles of Scilly, Branson welcomed Gentry and crew of five. Although Gentry said he felt "a little tired," the two jokingly pulled each other into the water after Branson had handed over his replica of the Blue Riband Trophy.

But Branson said he did not plan an attempt to recapture the trophy.

"If the British fail over two or three years, then I suspect in two or three years, we'll have another go. But ideally I'd quite like somebody else to take up the banner and get the Blue Riband back for Britain," he said.



Leonard (left) and Duran after announcing their fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Elder seeks season's first victory

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 28, (AP) — If familiarity with a golf course is a key to victory, Lee Elder should be tough to beat at the third annual Newport Cup Seniors tournament this weekend.

"I certainly have a lot of special feeling (for Newport), Elder said yesterday. "I've played well consistently there, and I set the course record there. "I've been in the thick of things with a shot of winning every time I've played there."

Elder won the Merrill Lynch-Golf Digest commemorative at Newport in 1985, and he thinks he has turned his game around after playing below his expectations earlier this season. He has not won any Seniors tourney this season.

"I've improved over the early part of the year," he said before a practice round. "I haven't putted very well. It's been a couple of things. I switched clubs several times. I was playing with clubs I wasn't very comfortable with."

Elder, who joined the Senior Tour in 1984, finished third with a 135 total in a rain-shortened Newport Cup last year.

Zembris is back to defend his title this year, along with 1987 Newport Cup winner Miller Barber. Among the newer faces are Jim Dent, who became eligible for the Seniors Tour in May, and John Paul Cain, winner of the Greater Grand Rapids Open last weekend.

Larry Mowry, returning to his hometown, has won two Senior PGA tournaments this year, the RJR at the Dominion in May and the PGA Senior Championship in February.

Elder, who has yet to win a Seniors tournament this season, said Orville Moody, who dropped out at the last minute, would have had to have been considered the favourite.

## Two WBC titles at stake Leonard-Duran fight set

NEW YORK, July 28 (Reuters) — It finally became official on Wednesday — Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran will stroll down boxing's memory lane one more time.

They will fight in November for the third time, nine years after Duran quit against Leonard in the eighth round.

Promoter Bob Arum promised that Duran would "fight to the last breath," to make up for the infamous "No mas" fight in New Orleans on November 25, 1980 when he waved his hands and said: "No mas, no mas (no more, no more)."

The Panamanian nicknamed "hands of stone" never fully explained why he had a heart of jelly that night when Leonard took back the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title he had lost to Duran five months earlier.

At the news conference on Wednesday to announce the fight, Duran said he was tired of being asked what happened in New Orleans. "I'll explain to the world after I beat Sugar Ray Leonard why I quit," he said through an interpreter.

The exact date and site of the fight — dubbed by Arum "Uno mas," have not yet been set as promoters are still listening to offers from casinos in

Atlantic City and Las Vegas to hold the fight which will take place either on November 2 or 30.

Arum said Duran, 38, would get \$7.5 million and Leonard a straight percentage of the profits, which could mean as much as \$13 million.

Duran and Leonard will fight for the WBC's super middleweight and middleweight titles, with the contract calling for both men to weigh no more than 162 pounds (73.4 kg) for the 12-round bout, according to Arum spokesman Irving Rudd.

Duran, with a remarkable 85-7 record in 22 years, handed Leonard the only defeat of his 35-1-1 career and is regarded by many to have been the greatest lightweight ever.

Duran, a four-time world champion, has been considered finished several times in his remarkable career, but the Panamanian came back to "thank God for giving me this fight with Sugar Ray Leonard," he said on Wednesday.

"You'll see a different Roberto Duran than you saw in New Orleans," Duran told a news conference.

"My career, my entire career depends on this fight," Leonard said. "I can't just win. I have to win impressively in order to remain in the game."

## Marseille face Nantes

PARIS, July 28, (UPI) — Defending champion Marseille, having already established itself as the team to beat, entertain Nantes tomorrow in the feature match of the second week of French First Division soccer action.

Taking advantage of the chequebook of owner Bernard Tapie, Marseille has a crop of new arrivals that began to assert itself in last week's opening 4-1 victory at Lyon.

The Marseille club, which completed the League and Cup double last season, brought in English star Chris Waddle and Brazilian Carlos Mozer to join last year's top scorer, Jean-Pierre Papin.

And Tapie, who drew headlines for efforts to lure Argentine Diego Maradona from Napoli, asserted this week he's ready to jump in his plane at any moment if he can find new talent.

Reports here indicated Tapie is negotiating with former Racing Club midfielder Enzo Francescoli, an Uruguayan, as well as Mick Harford of England and Johnny Bosman of Holland.

"Francescoli is one of three or four players I'm thinking about to round out the squad before the close of transfers," on Aug. 15, Tapie told the Marseille newspaper Le Provençal.

Montpellier, another club that beefed up its squad in the off-season, travels to Mulhouse tomorrow on the heels of last week's impressive 4-1 victory over Cannes.

Montpellier's major addition was striker Stephane Paille, who celebrated his debut with a goal.

Elsewhere, Auxerre host Nice, Bordeaux entertain Paris Racing, Lille travel to Brest, St Etienne is at Caen, Toulouse at Lyon, Sochaux at Monaco and Metz at Paris-St Germain.

## Weaver retains Americas title

NEW YORK, July 28, (UPI) — Former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Mike Weaver retained his WBA Americas heavyweight title last night with a 12-round split decision over Phil Brown.

Weaver, 38, won the heavyweight title in 1980 when he knocked out John Tate. He lost his title to Michael Dokes when he was stopped in the first round in December of 1982.

Weaver, who turned pro in 1972, improved to 33-14-1 with 23 knockouts. He won the WBA Americas title May 1 with a first-round knockout of Lionel Washington.

Brown, 34, suffered his fifth loss against 30 wins.

In a ten-round welterweight bout, Glenwood "The Real Beast" Brown earned his 25th victory against one loss with a unanimous decision over Tyrone Moore.

## England ready to meet FIFA's all-seating rule

LONDON, July 28, (UPI) — The English Football Association said yesterday there would be no problems in meeting FIFA's ruling banning standing spectators at qualifying matches for the 1994 World Cup finals.

Qualifying matches for the finals, which will be staged in the United States, start in 1992 and FA officials say Wembley will be an all-seater stadium by then with an anticipated 80,000 capacity.

Work on the conversion of the stadium is planned to start after England's friendly against Italy in November.

Wembley press officer Martin Corrie said: "It will be no problem for Wembley as it is our intention to be an all-seater stadium by 1990."

FA spokesman David Bloomfield commented: "There would be an alternative even if Wembley is not an all-seater stadium. That would be simply to sell tickets only for seats — and there are around 65,000 of those at Wembley already."

The FIFA ruling has clearly been influenced by the death of 95 fans at Hillsborough during last April's FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest and deteriorating standards of crowd behaviour in Europe. But soccer's governing body is not offering any financial assistance to member countries who might need to upgrade their stadia.

Glasgow's Hampden Park, which hosts all Scotland's internationals and Windsor Park in Belfast, the venues for Northern Ireland, both have large areas given over to standing spectators.

Wales, normally rotates its international fixtures between Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham, which all rely heavily on terrace spectators. But its most recent World Cup qualifier against West Germany in May was played in front of a 30,000 all-seated crowd at Cardiff Arms Park rugby union ground. Plans are in the pipeline to make Cardiff Arms Park a more regular venue for Welsh international soccer.

## FA fine Speedie \$1,200

LONDON, July 28, (UPI) — David Speedie, Coventry City's Scottish soccer international has been hit in the pocket for dropping his shorts at a testimonial match.

The 29-year-old forward was fined £750 (\$1,200) yesterday by the English Football Association for bringing the game under disrepute.

Speedie dropped his shorts during a testimonial match at his old club Chelsea last May and a photograph of his impromptu striptease appeared in a national newspaper.

Coventry manager John Silett commented: "David has been a silly boy, embarrassing the club and himself. I do not condone this sort of thing."



Tom Gentry holds up the replica of the Blue Riband Trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)



## SPORTS

# Smith hits Gloucester for first ton of summer

LONDON, July 28, (AP) — Former England cricketer Chris Smith, whose brother Robin hit a century in the 4th Test, scored his first championship hundred of the summer against Gloucestershire yesterday.

Smith's 107 took him past 1,000 runs for the season, and with Mark Nicholas making 101, Hampshire amassed 406 for nine declared for a lead of 166.

Gloucestershire lost Ian Botham and Geoff Tedstone in Cardigan Connor's first over and finished at 10 for two.

Championship leader Essex, docked 25 points for producing an unsatisfactory pitch at Southend this week, was on the way to winning back 23 of them when it forced Middlesex to follow on 195 behind at Uxbridge yesterday.

An eighth-wicket stand of 96 between Geoff Miller (61) and Don Topley (49) helped Essex total 390 before John Childs collected four for 78 and Derek Pringle three for 42 as Middlesex subsided to 195 all out.

Test and County Cricket Board pitch consultant Harry Brind was at Cardiff to examine the Sophia Gardens pitch which was reported by the umpires Wednesday. Brind cleared Glamorgan but the Leicestershire spinners dealt with them more harshly, bowling them out for 118 in as many minutes.

Peter Willey followed his first innings five for 45 with four for 48 and Peter Such took three for 28.

Lancashire all-rounder Mike Watkinson dragged his side away from the danger of the follow-on with a hard-hitting 70 against Nottinghamshire at Worksop.

Tim O'Gorman hit a maiden century in his first appearance of the summer for Derbyshire at Northampton. He made an unbeaten 113 out of 420, which gave Notts a lead of 137.

Graeme Hick hammered 85 off 71 balls as Worcestershire made 256 for six declared and challenged Surrey to score 388 to win. They finished on 18 without loss.

Ashley Metcalfe led a spirited Yorkshire fightback with 112 out of 301 for four declared in reply to Warwickshire's 352 at Edgbaston.

Chris Tavaré hit a battling 83 for Somerset, which declared 50 behind against Sussex at Hove. Sussex then lost three wickets for 52 in its second innings.

## Two Brazilians sentenced for hitting referee

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 28, (AP) — Two Brazilian soccer players were sentenced today to brief jail terms for beating a Swedish referee unconscious during a match.

Alessandro Arcangel, 26, was given a one-month sentence. He has been jailed since July 8, the day after the fight on the playing field, and is due to be released in another week, the Stockholm district court said.

Marcio Thomson, 33, was sentenced to a two-week term. He was released from detention during the course of the trial, a court clerk said.

The incident occurred during a semifinal match between the Sao Paulo team Botafogo and the Swedish local youth team Spangais.

# Dexter voices concern over South African tour

LONDON, July 28, (Reuters) — Ted Dexter, chairman of the England selectors, on Wednesday voiced concern over the possibility of English cricketers going on a rebel tour of South Africa.

Dexter said: "It's clearly unsatisfactory that another cricketing promoter outside standard international Test cricket is in the business of committing

some of our players."

Last week Dexter sent letters to England's top 30 cricketers seeking a firm commitment to ignore any trip to South Africa and to be available for the tours of India and the West Indies later this year and early in 1996.

There was no indication on Wednesday of how many of the 20 who have

replied so far are willing to stand by England, but former captains Ian Botham and Mike Gatting have already said they would not go to India and the Caribbean.

Botham made it clear his decision had nothing to do with South Africa. Gatting said his decision was primarily for family

reasons, although he described the sum being paid for touring India as "totally unrealistic."

Speaking on the eve of the fourth Test against Australia in Manchester, Dexter said: "We haven't yet got the touring squad together and I'm not in a position to gauge the mood about South Africa."

"I'm confident, however, that the players gathered for this match will be absolutely 100 per cent into this game and I don't think they will have any longer term thoughts."

"If we lose here then selection for the remaining two Tests of the series will be in a different light to the first four."

# Aussies put English bowlers to sword

## Smith's century fails to stop tourists

MANCHESTER, England, July 28, (Reuters) — Australia continued to rub England's noses in the Old Trafford dirt in the fourth Test today.

Given the ideal start of an opening stand of 135 between Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor, they cruised to 219 for three at the close of a day which followed a depressingly familiar pattern for England.

Defending a modest score of 260, their bowlers failed to find any consistency as the Australians, already 2-0 ahead in the six-match series, made the most of an easy-paced pitch.

Only briefly did England threaten Australia's overwhelm-

ing superiority on the second day.

After Ian Botham, so often England's saviour against the Australians, had prised out Marsh for 47, the touring team lost a further two wickets for the addition of 19 runs in 14 overs.

But Dean Jones ably supported by skipper Allan Border, re-established Australia's domination with an unbroken stand of 65.

The in-form Jones held centre stage with six fours and a six in his unbeaten 49 scored off 77 balls.

His timing was as sweet as that of Robin Smith, the only England batsman to trouble the Australian bowlers.

Smith was last man out for 143 as England's last three wickets were swept away inside an hour of the morning session. Geoff Lawson took two of them to finish with six for 72 — his best Test return for four years.

Yesterday apart from Smith's century and a stylish, unbeaten 36 from tailender Neil Foster in an unfinished eighth-wicket partnership of 66 it was again a wretched display by England.

England's biggest sinners were captain David Gower and Botham who threw away their wickets against the fairly innocuous leg-spin bowling of Trevor Hohns.

Both played across the line to balls that did not deviate at all, Gower falling before 35 and Botham charging down the wicket to be bowled before he had scored.

A hostile spell by Lawson began England's woes after David Gower had won the toss



Border gets a pat on the back after catching Foster off Lawson. (Reuters wirephoto)

for the third time in the series and decided to bat.

With only 23 on the board, Lawson bowled Graham Gooch for 11 and without addition he had the recalled Tim Robinson leg before for nought.

Only 48 runs came from 30 overs in the two-hour morning session as opener Tim Curtis and Smith attempted to repair the early damage but shortly after the interval Lawson struck again, beating an ineffectual prod by Curtis to bowl him for 22.

Gower looked assured from the moment he arrived at the crease and six boundaries flowed from his bat as he reached 35 from only 51 deliveries.

But his old failing of losing concentration again let him down. He swung across a top spinner from Hohns that hurried

on slightly to beat the bat and take the leg stump.

An over later Botham, who had been cheered all the way to the wicket, was also on his way back to the pavilion, his head hung in shame.

John Emburey was another batsman to throw away his wicket. He took a wild swing at Hohns and was leg before to give the leg spinner his third wicket.

Lawson then returned to grab his fourth wicket, that of Jack Russell for one, and England were in dire trouble at 158 for seven.

It took Foster to show the earlier batsmen how they should have played on a pitch giving the bowlers little assistance.

### Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 224 for seven)  
G. Gooch b Lawson ..... 11



Australia's Mark Taylor raises his hands in an appeal against England's Robert Russell. (Reuters wirephoto)

T. Curtis b Lawson ..... 22	1. Hohns 27-7-59-3, Waugh 6-1-23-0
T. Robinson lbw b Lawson ..... 0	AUSTRALIA first innings
R. Smith c Hohns b Hughes ..... 143	M. Taylor at Russell b Emburey ..... 35
D. Gower lbw b Hohns ..... 35	G. Marsh c Russell b Botham ..... 47
I. Botham b Hohns ..... 12	O. Boon b Fraser ..... 12
R. Russell lbw b Lawson ..... 1	A. Border not out ..... 19
J. Emburey lbw b Hohns ..... 5	D. Jones not out ..... 49
N. Foster c Border b Lawson ..... 39	Extras (b-1 lb-3 nb-3) ..... 7
A. Fraser lbw b Lawson ..... 2	Total (for three wickets) ..... 219 close
N. Cook not out ..... 0	Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-143 3-154
Extras (b-2) ..... 2	To bat: S. Waugh, I. Healy, T. Alderman, M. Hughes, G. Lawson, T. Alderman
Total ..... 260	Bowling to date: Foster 17-8-35-0, Fraser 22-3-60-1, Emburey 23-6-89-1, Cook 13-4-36-0, Botham 5-2-15-1
Fall of wickets: 1-23 2-23 3-57 4-132	
5-140 6-147 7-158 8-234 9-252	
Bowling: Alderman 26-13-49-0, Lawson 33-11-72-6, Hughes 17-6-55-2	

# Senna takes provisional pole

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, July 28, (Agencies) — World champion Ayrton Senna, struggling to make up ground on McLaren teammate and world championship leader Alain Prost, today captured provisional pole for the West German Formula One Grand Prix.

Senna is the reigning world champion, but has failed to finish in three of the last four races. He lags behind Prost by 20 points in the standings and needs to repeat his 1988 West German victory to stay in the title chase.

The Brazilian clocked one minute, 42.300 seconds over the 4.22 mile (6.80 km) Hockenheimring, an average speed of 148.626 mph (239.191 kph).

Prost, who leads the world championship standings with 47 points, was a second back, clocking 1:43.306.

The Ferraris of Briton Nigel Mansell and Austria's Gerhard Berger lined up behind them with the third and fourth-fastest times in today's first qualifying session.

Mansell finished runner-up to Prost two weeks ago in the British Grand Prix, and lies fourth in

the championship standings with 21 points.

Senna, who spun and hit a barrier in the morning practice session, failed to make a mark in qualifying until the last 15 minutes of the hour.

He pipped Prost, who had held the best time for most of the session, with a lap that bettered his own 1988 pole by two seconds.

"It was a busy day for the team because I made a mistake in the morning and spun off," said Senna, who set his time in his repaired race car.

"I damaged the car and the mechanics had to work very hard to repair it. The spin was my fault. I put a wheel onto the curb on the left under braking and the car snapped round on me. It was a stupid mistake."

Senna said the impact — he hit the tyre-fronted barrier going backwards — left him with a headache that had disappeared by afternoon.

Italy's Alessandro Nannini was fifth-fastest in a Benetton, followed by the Renault-powered Williams of Italy's Riccardo Patrese and Belgian

Thierry Boutsen.

Three-time world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, who has won at the Hockenheimring three times, could only manage the 10th-fastest time in his Judd-powered Lotus.

The British team is running its first race since a management shake-up earlier this week which saw team boss Peter Warr resign. It was a disappointing day for the home fans.

Both Bernd Schneider and Aguri Suzuki of the West German Zakspeed team failed to prequalify.

West Germans Volker Weider and Christian Danner, both driving for Rial, failed to make it onto the 26-car grid, though they got another opportunity in tomorrow's final qualifying session.

Lotus boss Rupert Mainwaring said today the team was not for sale and talk of a sell-out to former world drivers' champion Jackie Stewart was "nonsense."

Mainwaring said he had no knowledge of any plans to sell the team following major management changes this week.

Team Lotus chairman Fred

Bushell, who has appeared in court charged with being involved in a conspiracy to defraud the former De Lorean car company of £3.5 million (\$5.8 million), asked to be relieved of his duties, and Warr left to pursue other career plans.

Mainwaring said: "I don't know anything about any plans to sell the team at all. It is all a load of nonsense. I don't know anything about any sale to Jackie Stewart or anyone else."

"My understanding is that the team is not for sale at all. There has been some re-organisation and now we are re-determined to succeed and put all this behind us as soon as possible."

"It is my belief that there is no intention to make any further changes now. We want to stabilise and get on with the job."

Press reports linked Stewart with the team following the departure of Warr on Wednesday.

He already has strong connections with Lotus's principal sponsors, Camel, through his son Paul's Formula Three team in Britain.

# W. Germans hunt for fans as soccer season starts

BONN, July 28, (Reuters) — West German soccer, with attendances at their lowest for 16 years and a constant flow of top talent moving abroad, starts a new season this weekend with clubs more worried about how many fans will watch the Bundesliga than who will win it.

Last season an average of 18,292 fans watched each league game, the lowest number since 1973, prompting top clubs to propose revolutionary plans which angered fans and worried police.

The proposals were for clubs to play each other home and away on consecutive weeks with a bonus point going to the team with the highest goal aggregate from the two matches.

The plan was dropped after fans protested it was too complicated and police said it would heighten animosity between supporters, with the teams playing each other twice in

such short time.

However, the mere fact the clubs had proposed such radical changes was an indication of their concern about the future of the Bundesliga.

Crowd-pulling power has been weakened by the continuing departure of big names, fured abroad by high salaries.

International strikers Juergen Klinsmann and Thomas Allofs are among the latest, Klinsmann moving to Italy's Inter Milan and joint top League goal scorer Allofs to racing Strasbourg of France.

Among the Bundesliga clubs, more than 60 million marks (\$30 million) has changed hands on a hectic transfer market in the build-up to the new season, most of it spent on strikers.

However, national team coach Franz Beckenbauer defended the standard of play.



Lawson: awarded victory by the jury

# Yamaha loses appeal

GENEVA, July 28, (Reuters) — The International Motorcycling Federation (FIM) has rejected a Yamaha team appeal against a decision stripping American Wayne Rainey of victory in the Belgian 500 cc Grand Prix earlier this month, an FIM official said today.

The FIM's disciplinary committee also dismissed team appeals on behalf of France's Christian Sarron and Italian Pier Francesco Chili against the race jury's ruling on the result of the event which was started three times because of heavy rain at Spa-Francorchamps on July 2.

Rainey had won the third race, but the jury ruled that the race director was wrong to start the event a third time, and awarded victory to fellow-American Eddie Lawson, best-placed rider over the first two races in conformity with Grand Prix rules, and to declare the third race void," the FIM official said.

"As the distance covered in the first two races was less than 75 per cent of that set for the event, only 50 per cent of the points are awarded," the FIM official said.

The official said it was possible to appeal against the disciplinary committee decision to the FIM's international tribunal, but no such appeal had yet been lodged.

Rainey leads Lawson in the world championship standings by 8.5 points. The next race — the 12th in the 15-event series — is the British Grand Prix at Donington park on August 6.

# Reneberg stuns Noah for quarterfinals



Kishin: to meet Reneberg

WASHINGTON, July 28, (Agencies) — Unseeded American Richey Reneberg, scoring the biggest win of his career, upset fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France 6-3, 7-5 early today in a third-round match at the \$415,000 Washington DC Classic.

Reneberg, ranked 115th in the world, scored repeated winners with his two-handed backhand service return and called on that shot when the 24th-ranked Noah served for the second set at 5-4.

Reneberg was able to hold the powerful Frenchman off and break him in the 11th game as Noah double-faulted on match point.

Reneberg said a two-hour rain delay had not bothered him and added that his return was the key to the victory.

"I played about as good as I could," Reneberg said. "I felt I could win if I could get good timing on my returns."

Earlier, Americans Tim Mayotte and Brad Gilbert survived crucial tiebreaks to win their matches but Jay Berger was upset as evening showers disrupted play.

Mayotte advanced with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory over Barry Moir and Gilbert defeated South African Gary Muller, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) by fending off three set points in the second-set tiebreaker. Third-seeded Berger was upset by Jim Grabb, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

There were several third-round upsets yesterday. Seventh-seed Derrick Rostagno lost to Australia's

Simon Youl, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (8-6) and 11th-seed Todd Witsken rebounded after losing the first set to Paul Annacone to defeat the sixth-seed, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Also, India's Ramesh Krishnan advanced with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Javier Frana and Wimbledon quarterfinalist Paul Chamberlin defeated Chris Garner, 6-3, 6-2.

The quarterfinals, scheduled for today, include Mayotte against Youl; Gilbert against Chamberlin; Grabb against Witsken; and Reneberg against Krishnan.

"I've won nine titles in the last two years so it's not like I'm in a drought," said Mayotte, who had 11 aces in his victory over Moir. "I just go out and play well and we'll see what happens."

Each player held serve in the first set but in the tie-breaker Mayotte scored four straight points to win 7-3.

Mayotte, 28, eventually got the match's first service break when he won the eighth game of the second set to go up 5-3. He held serve to win the match.

"I served great today," Mayotte said. "He served well too. He gets a lot of first serves in."

Gilbert, who was stretched to three sets on Wednesday against the world's 342 ranked player, won the first set against Muller easily. The second set, though, went to a tie-breaker.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## PSV goalkeeper

AMSTERDAM, July 28, (Reuters) — PSV Eindhoven's international goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen fractured a small bone in his left leg and will miss the start of the domestic season. PSV manager Kees Peeters said today.

## Becker out

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont, July 28, (AP) — Wimbledon champion Boris Becker has dropped out of the Volvo international tennis tournament because of an unspecified injury, tournament officials said Wednesday.

## Founding members

LONDON, July 28, (AP) — The International Tennis Federation, unable to keep its sport in the Olympics, yesterday it was backing a move to expel South Africa, one of its founding members.

## Romanian team

LONDON, July 28, (UPI) — Paula Ivan, the Olympic 1500 metres champion who broke the women's world mile record at Nice earlier this month, heads the Romanian team for the European Track and Field Cup at Gateshead, northern England, Aug 5-6.

## Arlington race

CHICAGO, July 28, (AP) — The Queen of England will race a horse in the United States for the first time in 35 years in Arlington International Handicap, track officials have announced.

## SEA Games

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28, (KUNA) — Laos will be coming for next month's SEA Games in Malaysia, making the turn-out by member-countries the biggest since the regional biennial sports meet started 30 years ago.

## WBA champion

PARIS, July 28, (UPI) — World Boxing Association light-heavyweight champion Taoufik Belbouh, unable to fight because of a knee injury, will be stripped of his title Aug 11 for failing to defend the title, a French newspaper reported yesterday.

## Drug samples

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 28, (AP) — Drug test samples given by athletes during the Commonwealth Games in Auckland next year will be flown daily to Sydney, Australia, for testing, officials said today.

## Miles ahead

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 28, (AP) — US Grandmaster Anthony Miles held the lone lead in the Bienne International Chess Tournament today after his third straight victory.

## Pole vaulter

LONDON, July 28, (UPI) — World No. 1 pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, the Olympic champion and world record holder, is not included in the Soviet Union team to compete in next week's European Track and Field Cup at Gateshead, northern England.

## British sprinter

LONDON, July 28, (AP) — Sprinter John Regis yesterday accused Eamonn Martin and Mark Rowland of "letting down their country" by pulling out of Britain's team for next week's European Cup at Gateshead.

## Second Test

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, July 28, (AP) — New Zealand is taking tomorrow's second rugby union Test against Argentina seriously, despite scoring a crushing 60-9 in the first game between the two teams, coach Alex Wyllie said yesterday.

## Horse show

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 28, (AP) — Katie Prudent Monahan won show jumping event and Robert Dover in dressage Grand Prix special as Americans dominated the Stockholm International Horse Show yesterday.

## Second victory

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 28, (AP) — Venezuela beat Canada 11-4 yesterday for its second victory and remained the only team to make the inaugural World Youth Baseball Championship.

## Last-ditch plea

LONDON, July 28, (AP) — The Commonwealth Games Federation has made a last-ditch plea to Britain's sport minister to stop the country's rugby players from joining tour of South Africa next month.

## Niigata Open

SHITADAMURA, Japan, July 28, (AP) — Tom Nakayama shot a 66 to join Katsutoshi Tominaga for the lead at 3-under-par 11, midway in the \$357,000 NST Niigata Open golf tournament on Friday.

## Small greens

SOMERS POINT, New Jersey, July 28, (AP) — The Betsy King is coming to the Atlantic City Classic, and the small greens at the sands country club could prove her undoing. "This is a course where you need to hit it straight," Nancy Lopez said yesterday before the final practice round. "The greens are slow and that could be a problem for Betsy."

## Scottish Cup

LONDON, July 28, (Reuters) — The Scottish Football Association (SFA), turning from health education to beer, have broken 116 years of tradition and agreed to incorporate a sponsor's name on their Cup next season. The SFA agreed to a four-year deal with brewers Tennent's worth £2.5 million (\$4.1 million).

## Aouita out

RABAT, July 28, (Reuters) — Said Aouita will miss the African Athletics Championships in Nigeria next month because of a pulled muscle.

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